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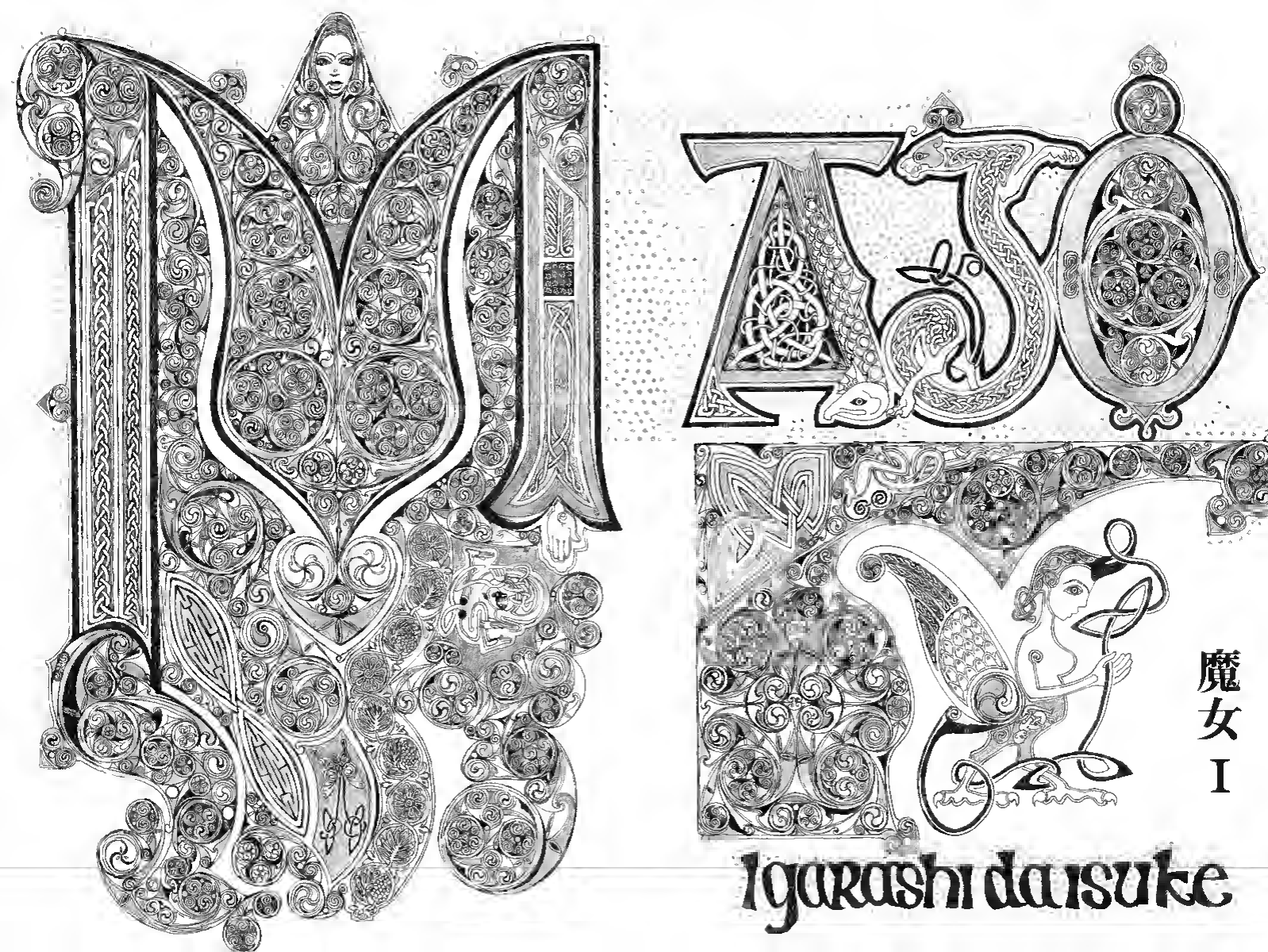
THERE WERE WITCHES.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For two thousand years,
those who sought the "world" have come to this land.
SPINDLE
Parsians, Macedonians, Huns, Romans, Ottomans...
People of many civilizations have ruled over this land,
and been overthrown.
A place where "East" and "West" come together, across a narrow strait.
They brought "god" to this place.

The winged god who protected a great and mighty empire.
The fantastic gods the robust Huns worshipped.
The Pillar of Heaven stolen from the Pharaohs.
The Twelve Disciples.
The goddess who loved a king.

The conquerors may have fallen,
but their traces remain.
The mosaic of culture...

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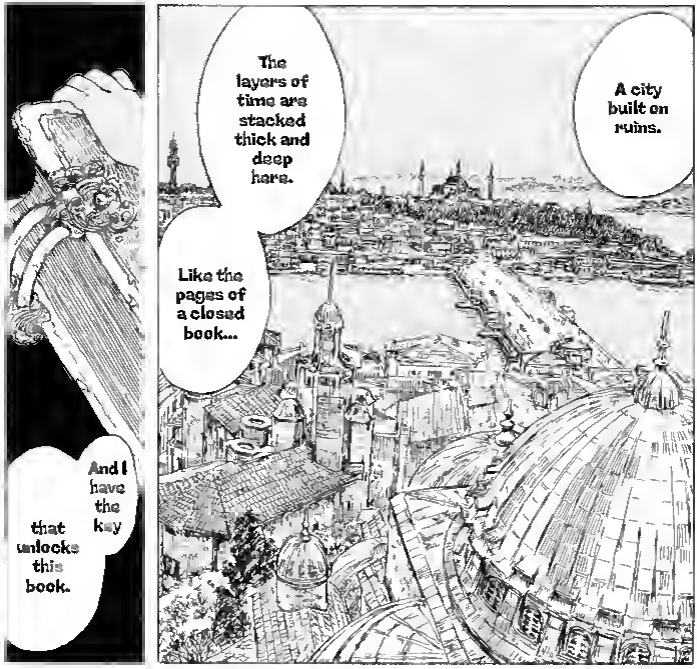
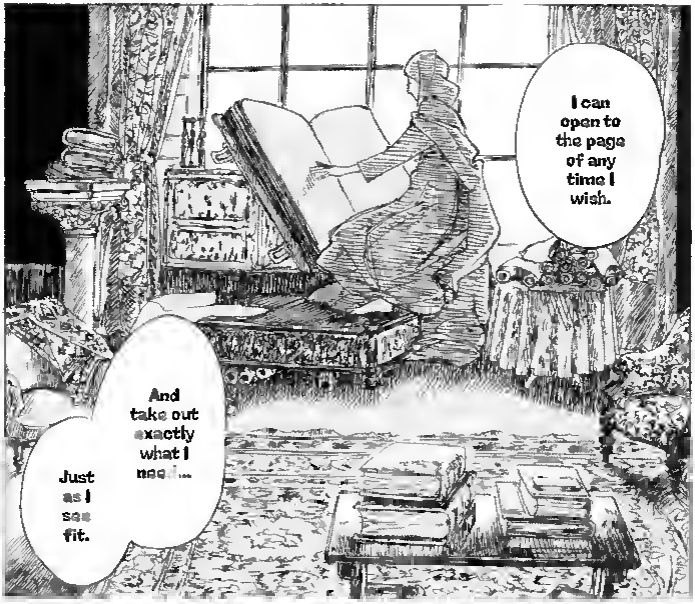

The layers of time are stacked thick and deep here.
A city built on ruins.
Like the pages of a closed book...
And I have the key that unlocks this book.


I can open to the page of any time I wish.
And take out exactly what I need...
Just as I see fit.

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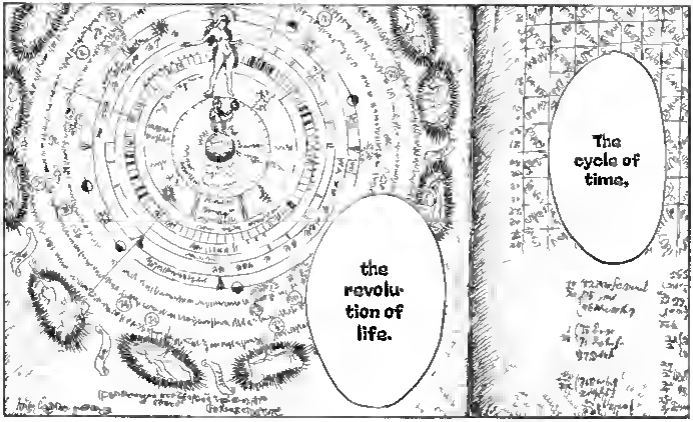
The cycle of time,
the revolution of life.

The secrets of the world
are in the palm of my hand.

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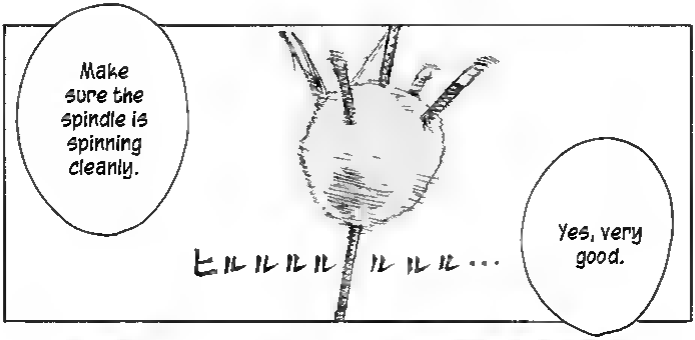
SPINOFF

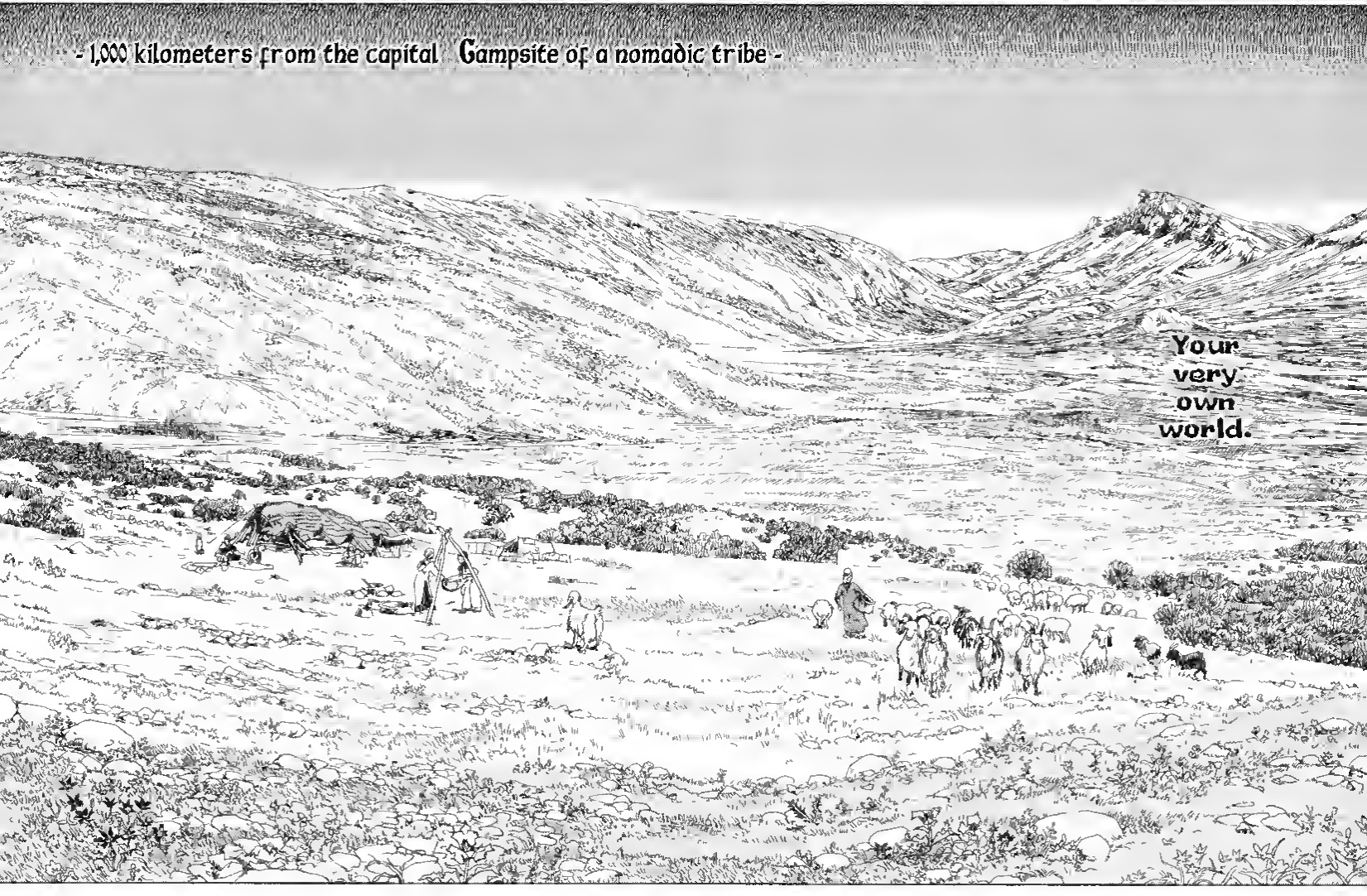
-Part One-

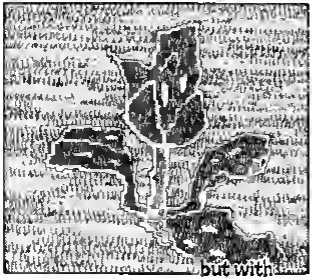

Make sure the spindle is spinning cleanly.
ヒルルルルルルルルル…
Yes, very good.

Yes, just like that.

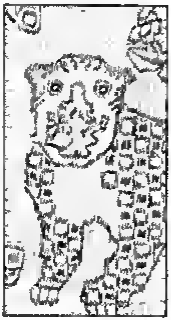
so the thread is the same width all around.
Control the amount of wool going to the spindle with your fingers,

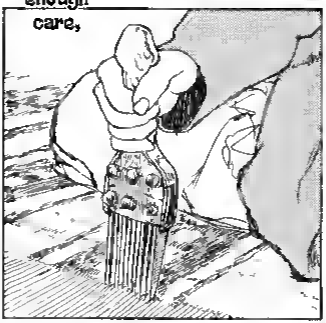
Anything you can see and anything your heart can imagine...
Soon you'll be able to weave anything you want.
I'll show you how to weave it.
Once you've spun all the wool into thread,


- 1,000 kilometers from the capital Campsite of a nomadic tribe -
Your very own world.



but with enough care,





It's not quite the same as God creating the world,

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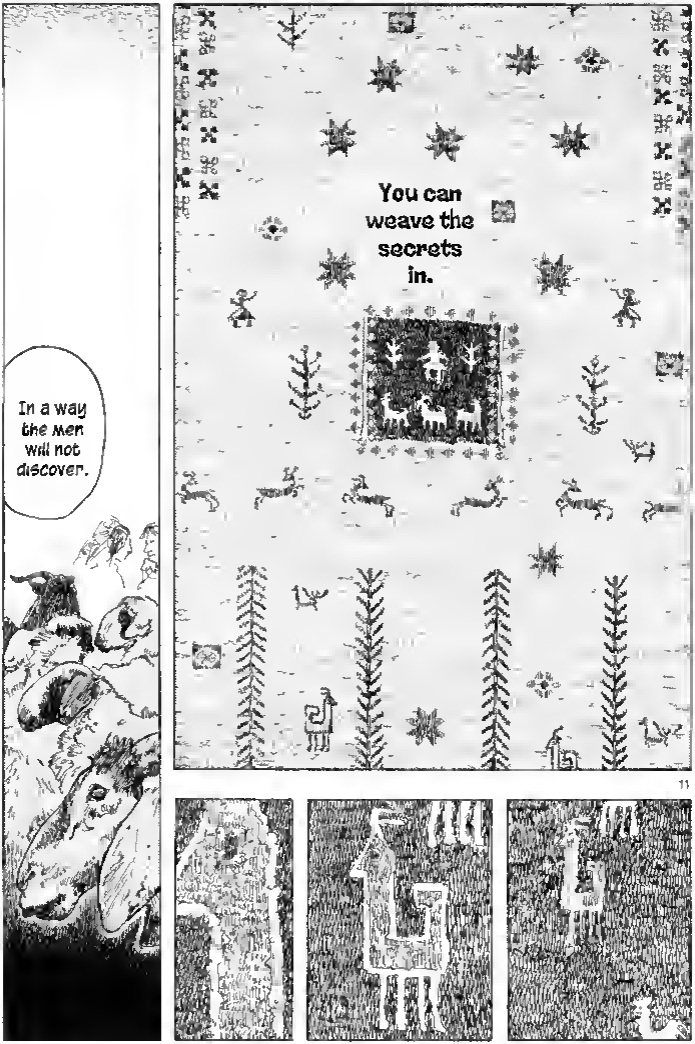
In a way the men will not discover.
You can weave the secrets in.
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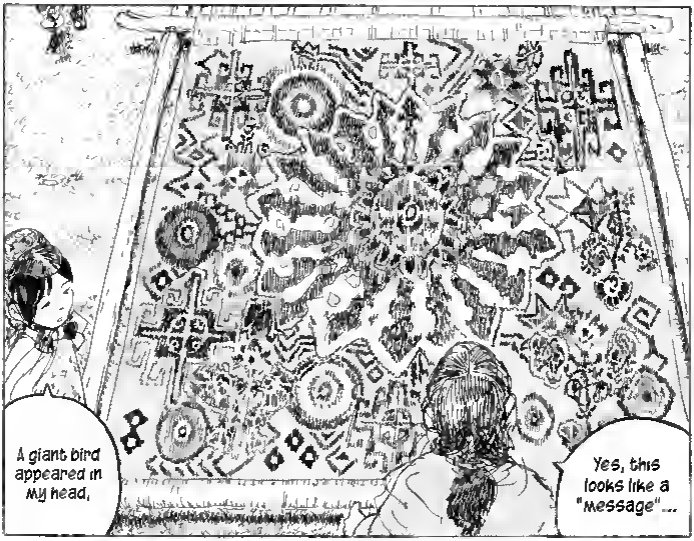
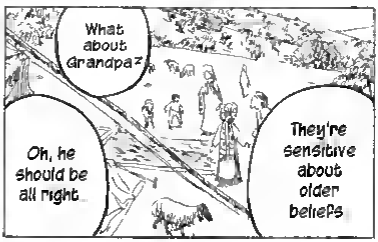
There you go, good girl.
Just a minute. I'm almost done.
Shiral.
Yes.
Hurry
So you're the one who wove the "message."
Oho...

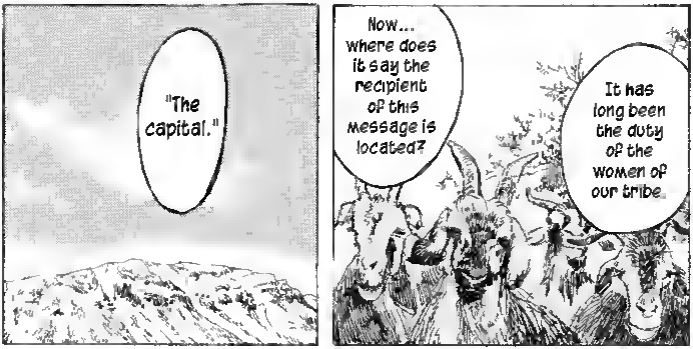

A giant bird appeared in my head.
Yes, this looks like a "message"...

Don't tell the menfolk about that.
and my hands... just started moving.

Yes.
Is the bird still there?
Yes.
And can you read this?


What about Grandpa?
Oh, he should be all right.
They're sensitive about older beliefs.

and pass it on to those who should be told.
It is your duty to take this message from the "Great and Ancient Wisdom"
Listen up.


"The capital."
Now... where does it say the recipient of this message is located?
It has long been the duty of the women of our tribe.

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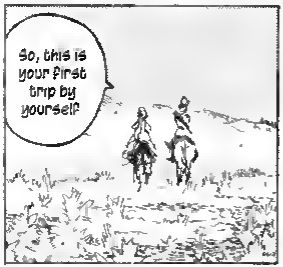
"Right away."
And when should you leave?
That's far away.

I'm not angry at you, dear.
I'm sorry, Mother.
you had to go weave a "message"!
Just when we're low on helping hands,
R-E-N-N-E-T.
My sister lives in the capital.
All right... rennet?
And while you're there, buy some rennet.
Now that you're going to the capital, pay attention to what kind of place it is.
You'll learn many things.
OK.
Father, what are you doing with that gun?
Grandpa!
Find her first, and she'll give you help.
OK.

Are you taking me there?
It takes half a day to reach the truck stop.
She'll be riding in a truck! They can't hurt her in there!
There are panthers in the desert
Be back soon.
Good-bye!
Besides, those panthers went extinct years ago!

You even spin on the way to town?

...
When I'm spinning thread, my heart is at peace.


So, this is your first trip by yourself?

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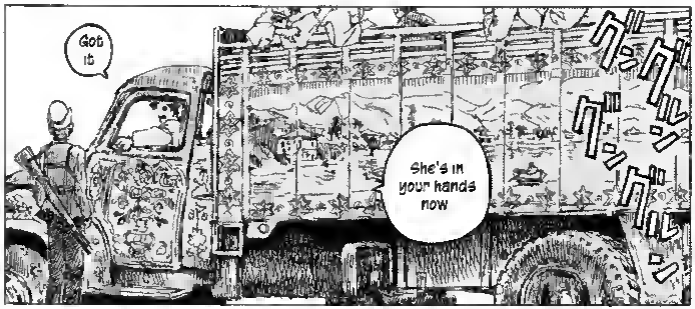
Got it
She's in your hands now
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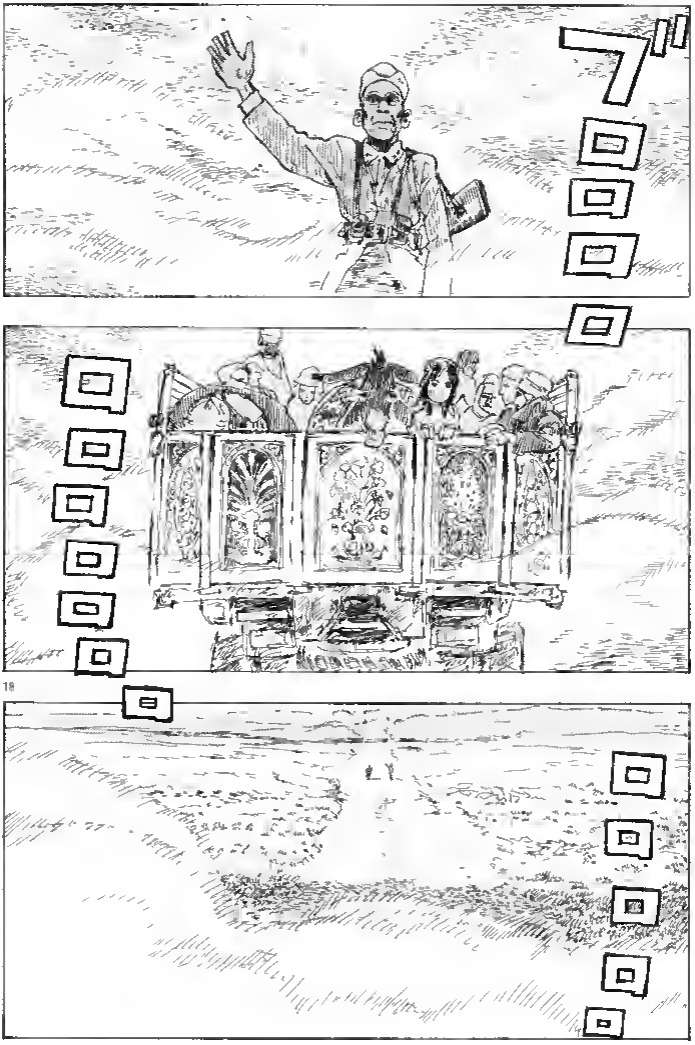
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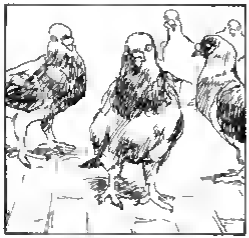

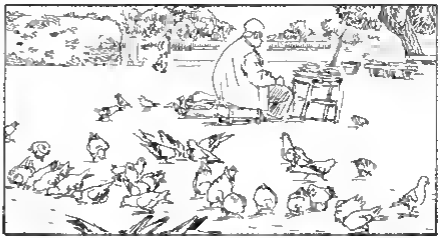

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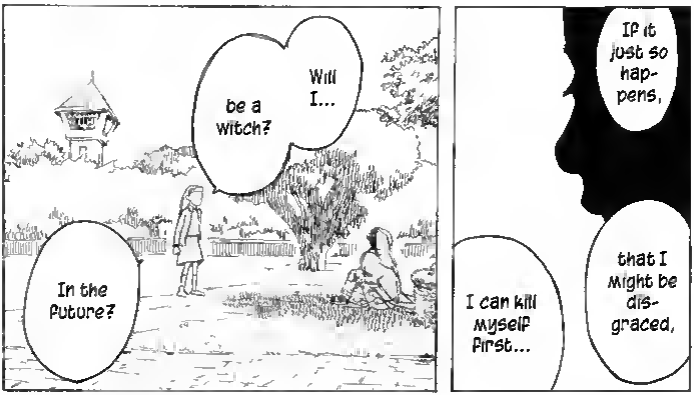
You're a fortune-teller, right?
Hey.

Can you see the future?
Will I get what I desire right now?
I can, Small Witch.
Then tell me.
I cannot give you the answer that you seek.
Is my response, Small Witch.
No...

Why do you carry a knife, Small Witch?
NOT Small Witch.
...My name is Nicola.


Will I... be a witch?
In the future?
If it just so happens,
that I might be disgraced,
I can kill myself first...

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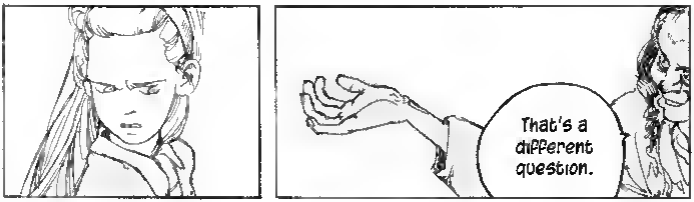
That's a different question.

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What's not to like...?
Why can't you marry me?

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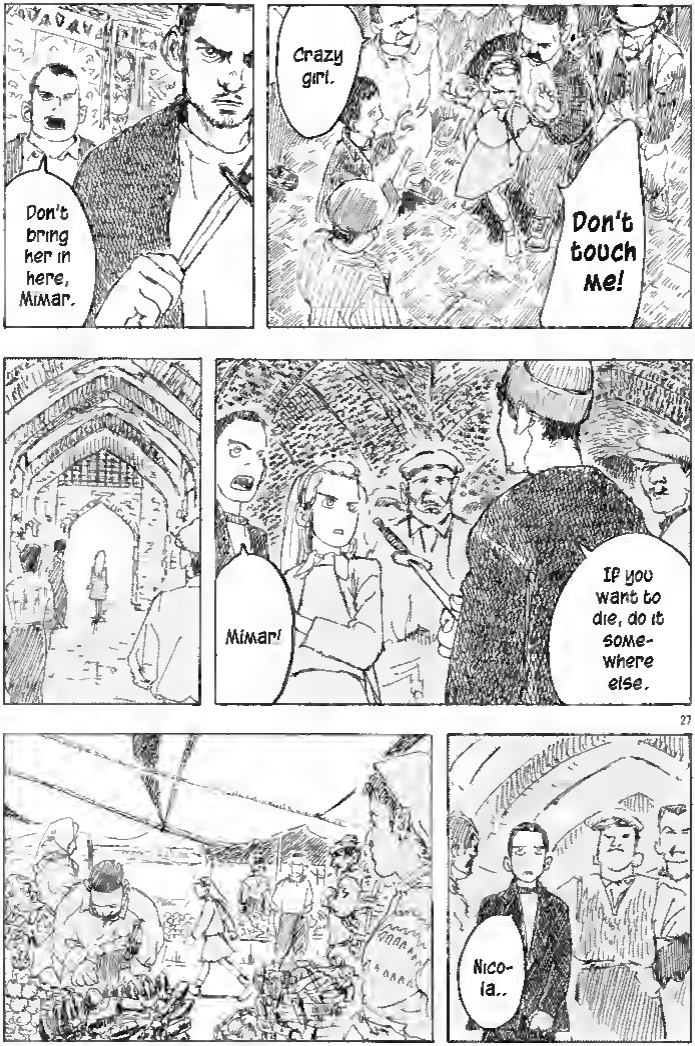
even if I offered to convert!
You wouldn't marry me,
Liar!

You are a heretic.

Mimar,
Nicola's going to go back to England!
Now get lost.
I'm glad you understand.
Wha

Mima...
Mhrm.
Leave this girl alone and get back to work,
What are you DOING?!
Nicola!!
STOP IT!!


Don't bring her in here, Mimar.
Crazy girl.
Don't touch me!
Mimar!
If you want to die, do it somewhere else.
Nicola..

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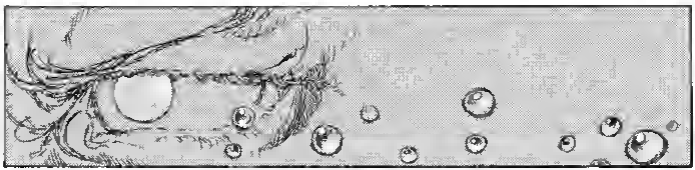

Present Day

Ms. Nicole,
we hear you are making your own team?
Oh, and who told you this?

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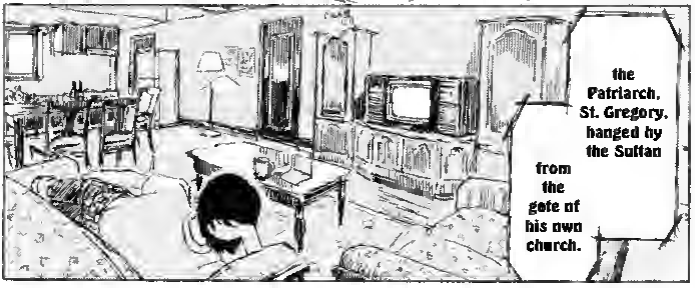
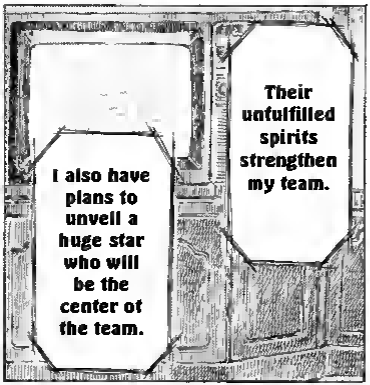
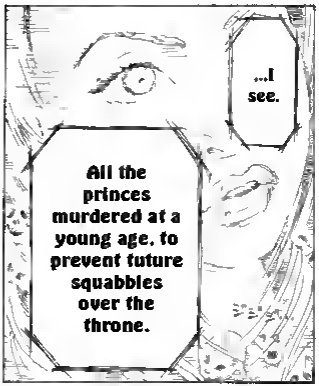
Rumor says you have several promising players under your wing.
Yes, I do...
Might you tell us their names?

Well, for example...


the Patriarch, St. Gregory, hanged by the Sultan from the gate of his own church.

The Greek Empress Anastasia, murdered in a harem, her naked corpse exposed in the garden.
Dandolo, hero of the Crosaders, whose grave was violated, his bones given to dogs.


I also have plans to unveil a huge star who will be the center of the team.
Their unfulfilled spirits strengthen my team.


...I see.
All the princes murdered at a young age, to prevent future squabbles over the throne.

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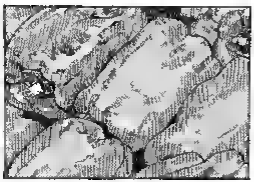
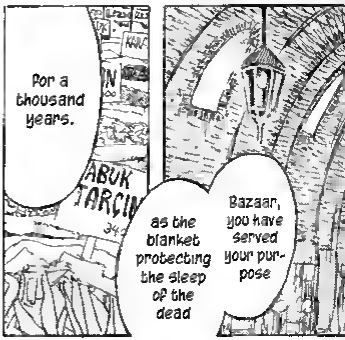
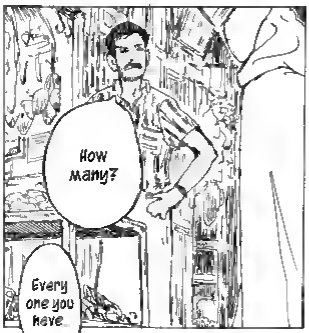
What the hell is that chick talking about?

does it?
This place never changes,




For a thousand years.
as the blanket protecting the sleep of the dead
Bazaar, you have served your purpose

But I will bring that to an end.


How many?
Every one you have

Heads.

The purchase of every last sheep's head
will be my final gift
to this bazaar.
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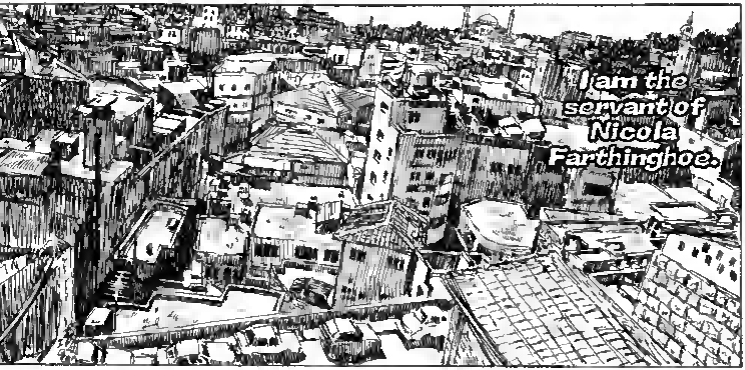
buzz


I am the servant of Nicola Farthinghoe.

She said the bazaar was "filthy."

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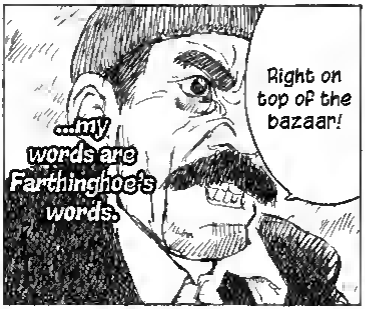
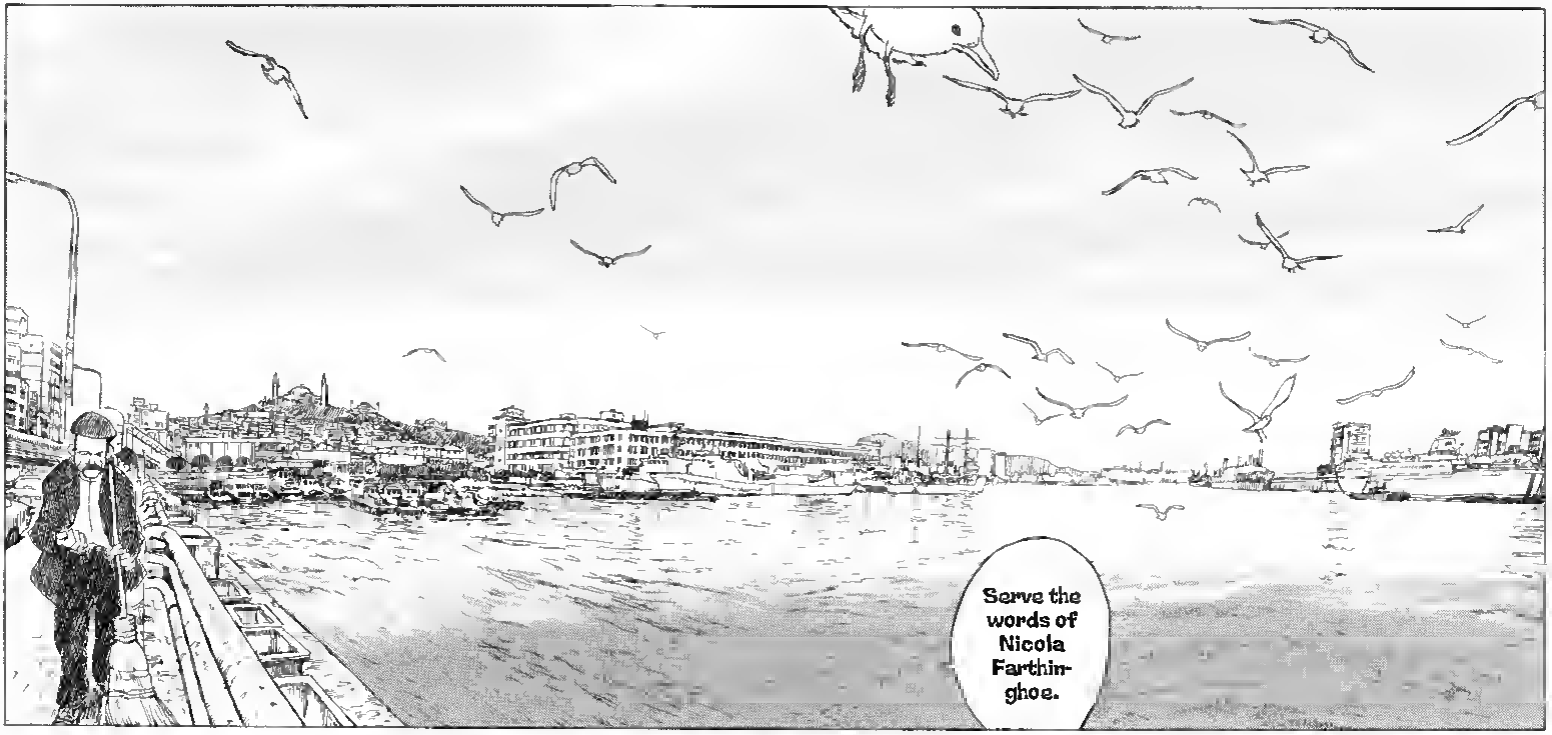

Right on top of the bazaar!
...my words are Farthinghoe's words.

She wants to build a "clean" super-market, for the children.


Serve the words of Nicola Farthin-ghoe.

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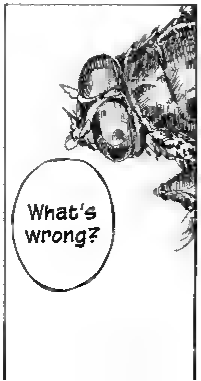
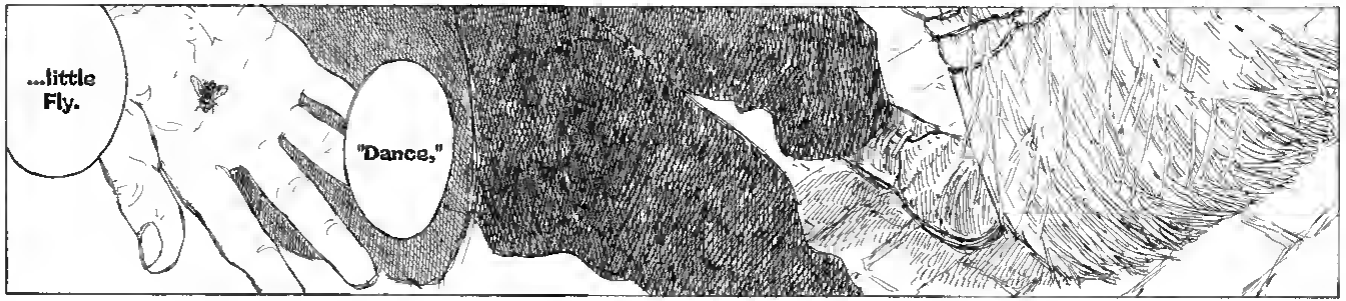

What's wrong?


...little Fly.
"Dance,"

buzz
So anything the bitch says is to crush the bazaar.
Nah... just a... Fly in my ears.
She'll do anything to get her own store built.
buzz
What's she got against the bazaar...
So long as she puts it somewhere that isn't here
If she wants a supermarket, let her have one.
buzz

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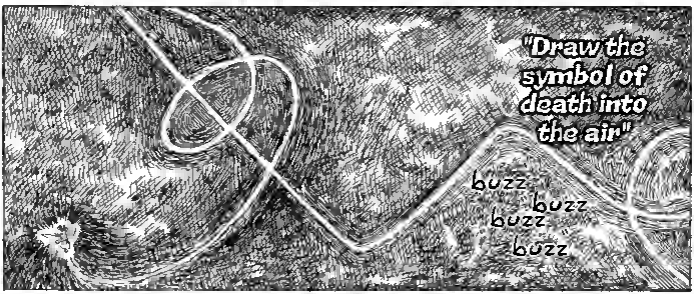
"Draw the symbol of death into the air"
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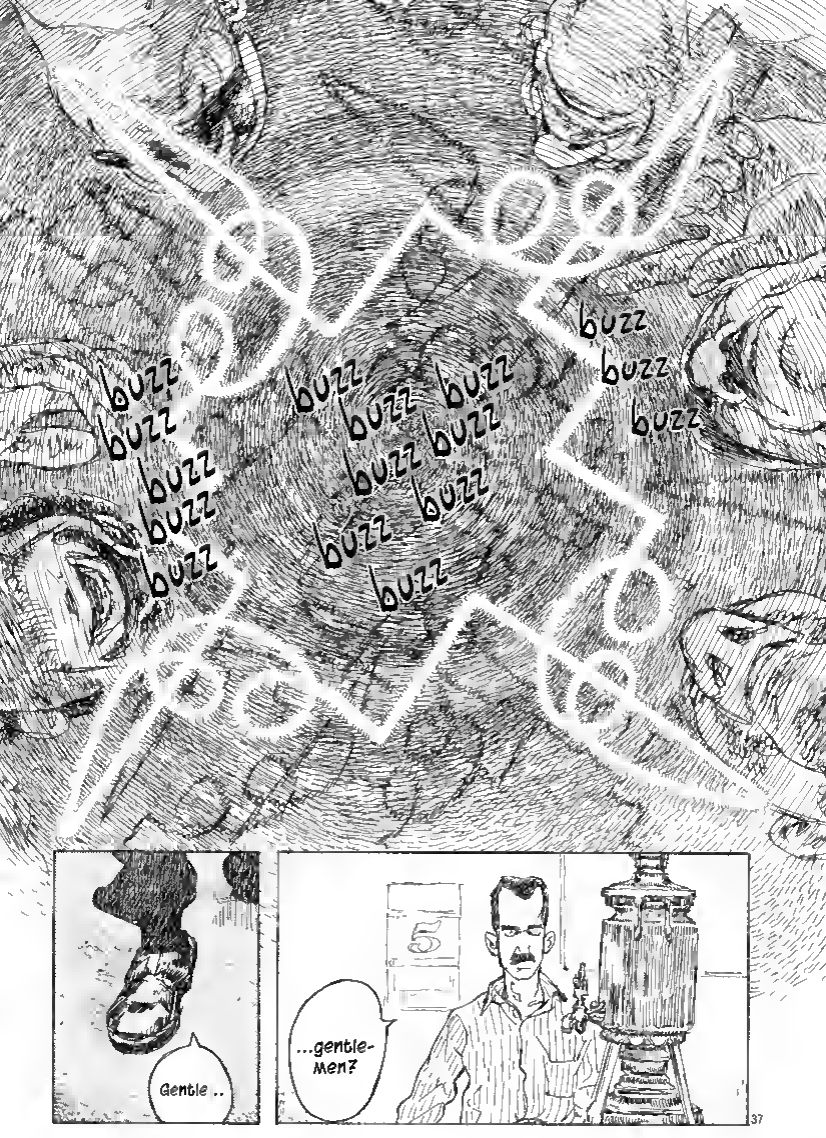
buzz
buzz
buzz


buzz
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Gentle..
...gentle-men?
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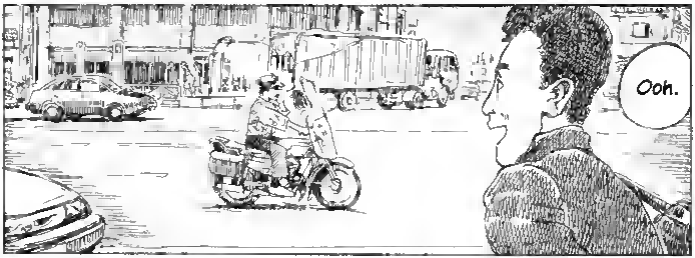
They're dead

Maarlboro!!

Mariboro, Mariboro!
Mariboro, Mariboro!


Ooh.

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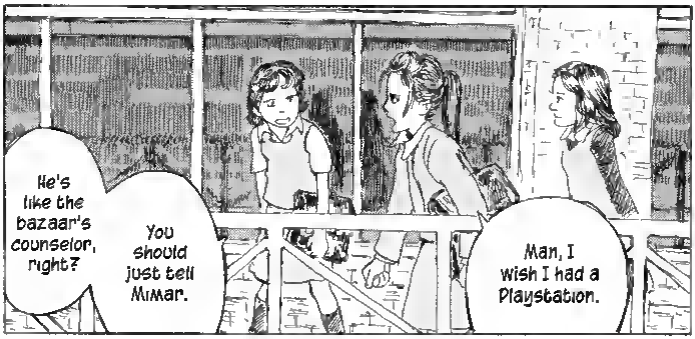
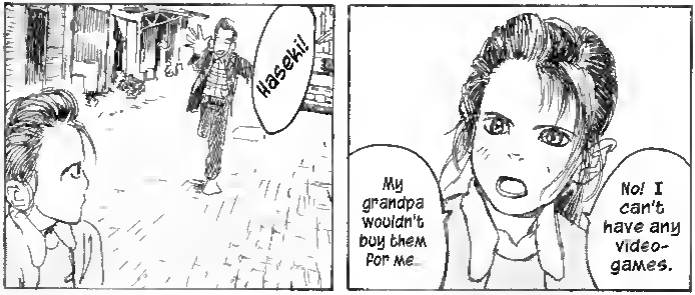
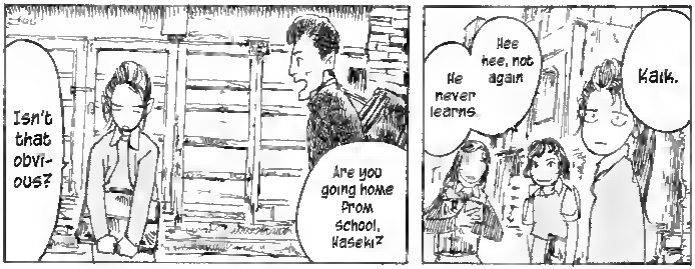

He's like the bazaar's counselor, right?
You should just tell Mimar.
Man, I wish I had a Playstation.


Haseki!!
My grandpa wouldn't buy them for me...
No! I can't have any video-games.


Isn't that obvi-ous?
Are you going home from school, Haseki?
He never learns.
Hee hee, not again
Kalk.

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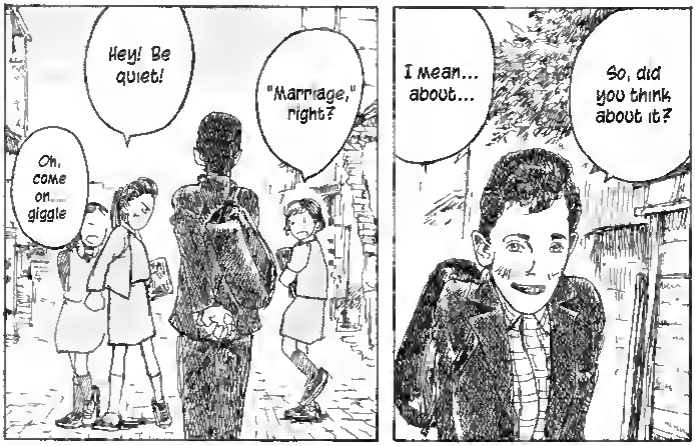
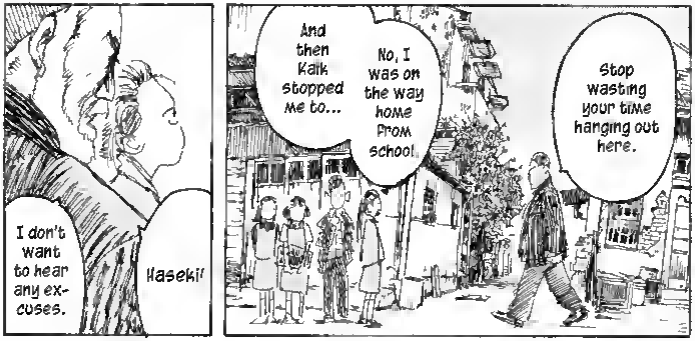
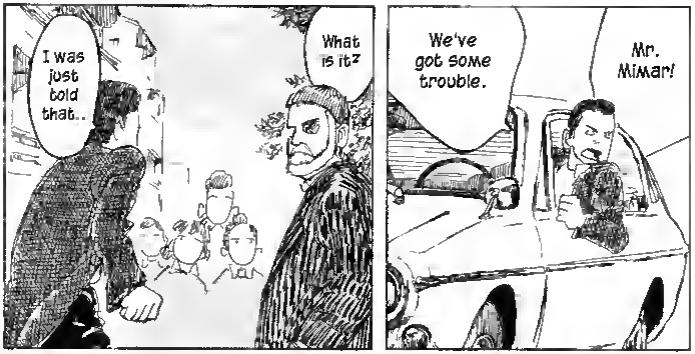

Hey! Be quiet!
"Marriage," right?
Oh, come on... giggle
I mean... about...
So, did you think about it?

I MIGHT just think about it...
If you were able to get me just what I want...
Hmm... well,
Listen, Kaik...
So, did you think it over?
!
What I want is Magic powers
that can give me whatever I desire.
...it's magic.
A Sony Play... no, not that...
Really?!
What is it?
You want something?
What are you doing here?
HASEKI!
then I might consider marrying you...
If you become a magician,
Hee hee hee
Grand-pa!!
Mr. Mimar.


Haseki!
I don't want to hear any excuses.
Stop wasting your time hanging out here.
No, I was on the way home from school.
And then Kaik stopped me to...


I was just told that..
What is it?
We've got some trouble.
Mr. Mimar!

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Haseki,
I'm going to the bazaar. Go straight home from here.
What? Five of them?

Yeah
Let's go, too.
Wait
What could have happened ...z
Young man.
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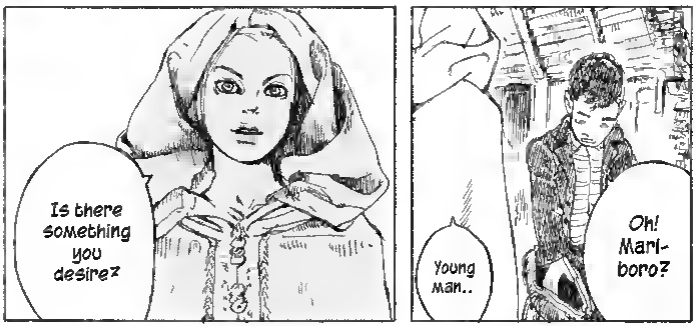
Magic ...z
...


Is there something you desirez
Young man..
Oh! Marl-boroz

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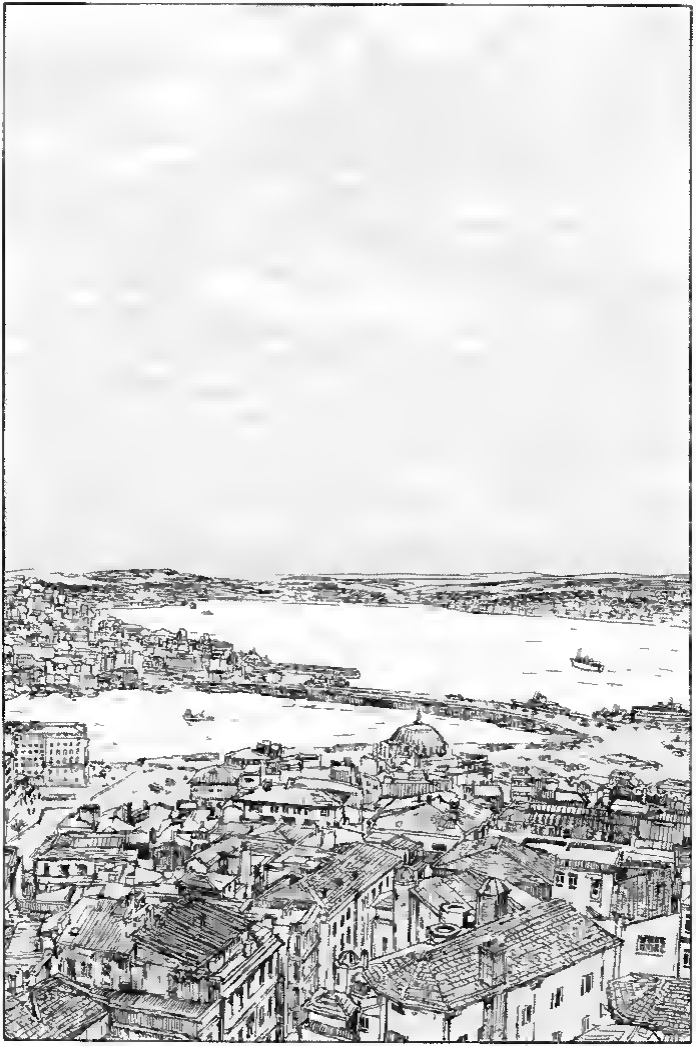

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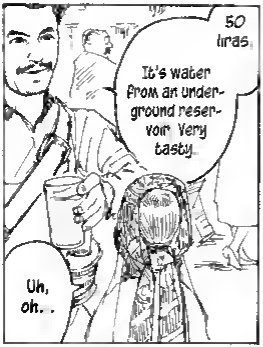
How do I get to Auntie's house...?
Ex-cuse me...


50 liras.
It's water from an underground reservoir. Very tasty.
Uh, oh. .

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Here you go.
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You can see the sights on a ferry, you know.
I recommend it.
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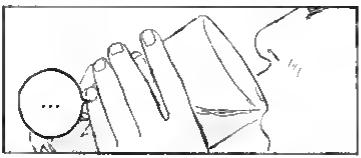
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What should I do... if I run out of money?

This IS good!

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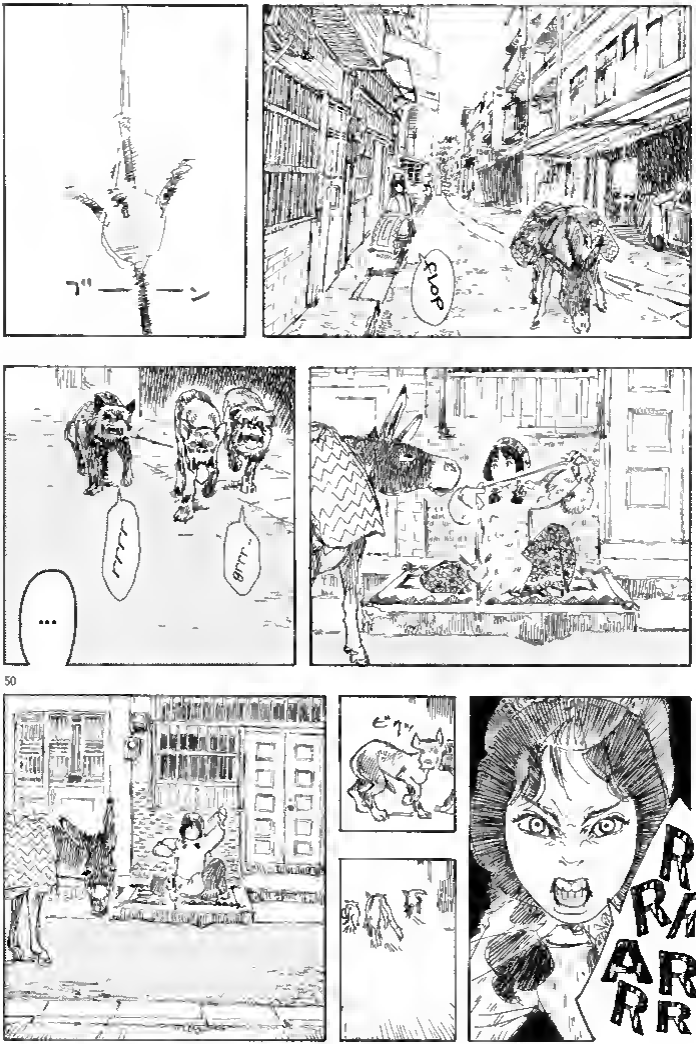
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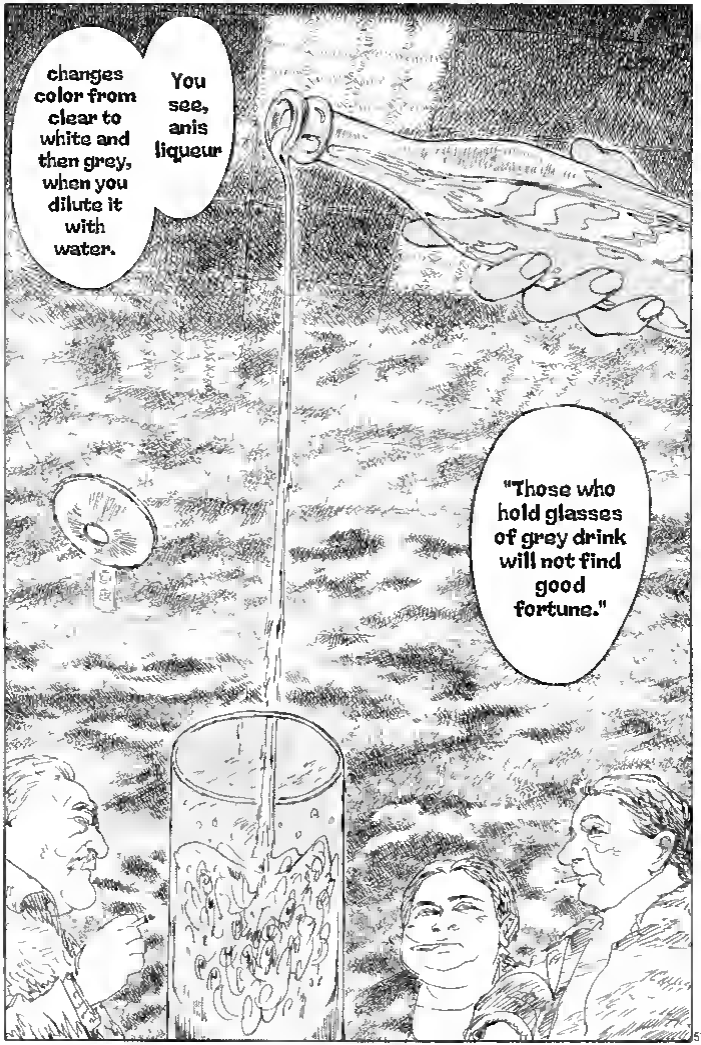
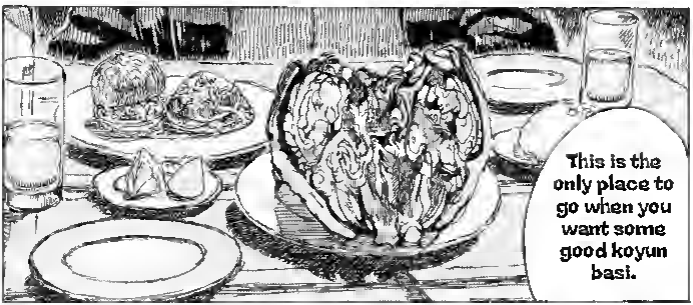

You see, anis liqueur
changes color from clear to white and then grey, when you dilute it with water.
"Those who hold glasses of grey drink will not find good fortune."

To victory.


This is the only place to go when you want some good koyun basi.

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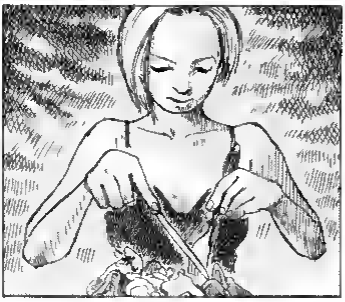
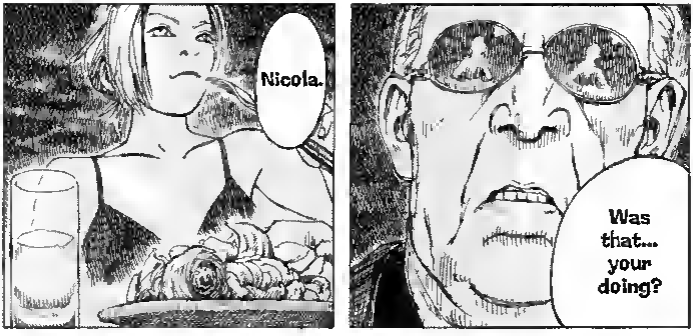
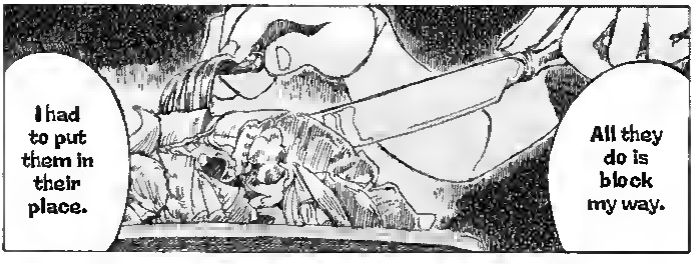


Several of the bazaar advisers have died.


Nicola.
Was that... your doing?


I had to put them in their place.
All they do is block my way.

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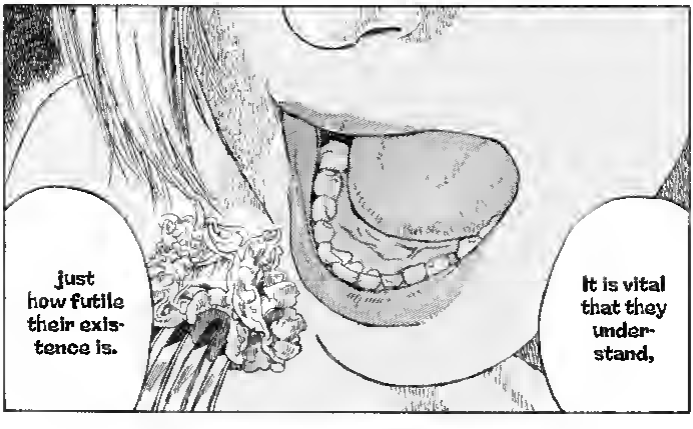
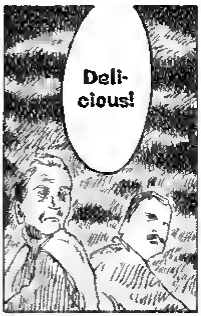
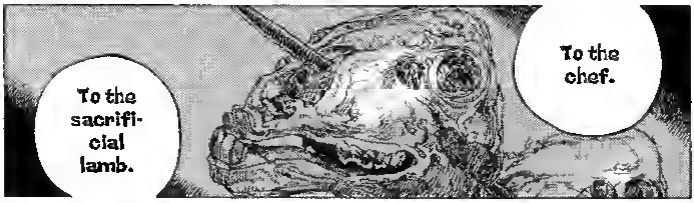

just how futile their existence is.
It is vital that they understand,

caused that to happen?
And you...

These eyes, the tongue, the brain,
they taste excellent.
Hurry up, before it gets cold.


Delicious!


To the sacrificial lamb.
To the chef.

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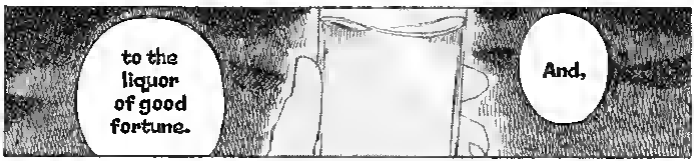
to the liquor of good fortune.
And,

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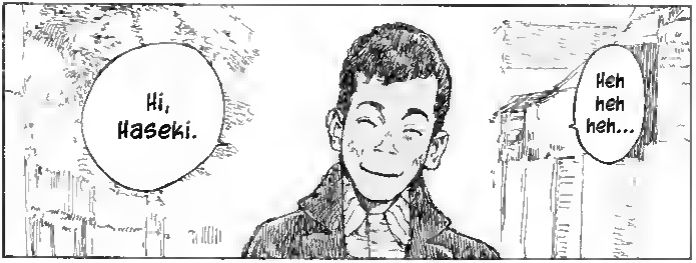
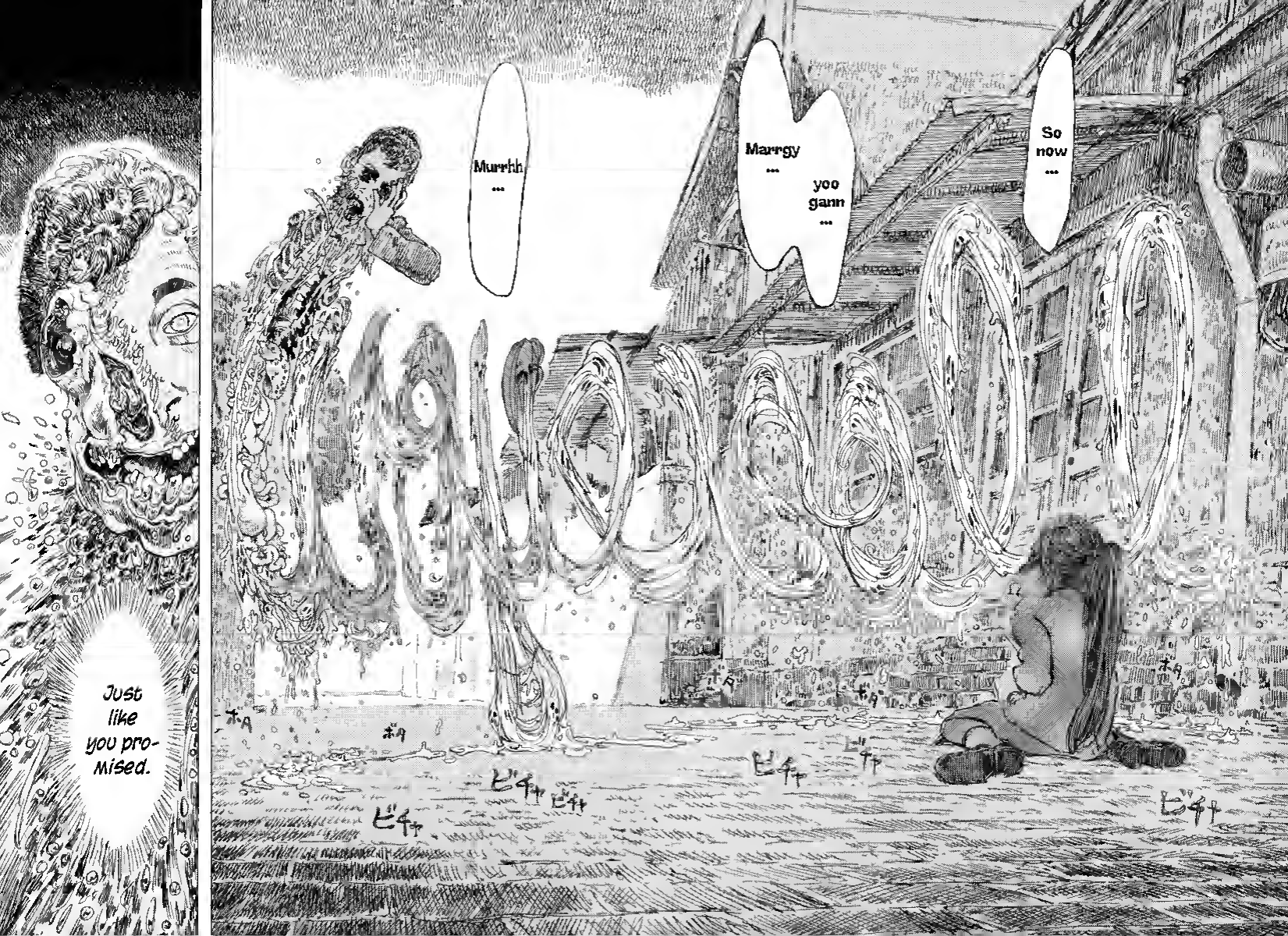


...about what?
Aren't you excited?
Oh, I'm so excited.
Hee hee hee hee.
Are you retarded?
I'M in a hurry.
Good-bye.
I became a magician.
Magic!
So now you can...
Huh?
Wait!

Check it out.
Look,
I practiced a whole bunch.
I even learned some English!
Know what this means?
It means "I love you."


Just like you promised.
Murrhh ...
Marrgy ... yoo gann ...
So now ...
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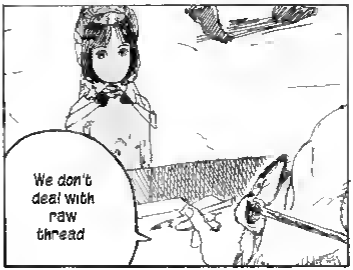
Excuse me,
Will you buy some thread?

Wait, you


We don't deal with raw thread

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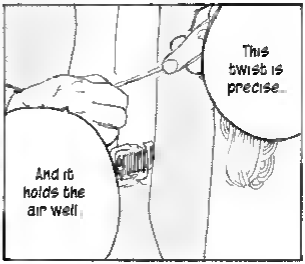
This is good thread
Allow me to buy it for myself


This twist is precise...
And it holds the air well

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Do you remember me?

Small Witch
Of course I do.

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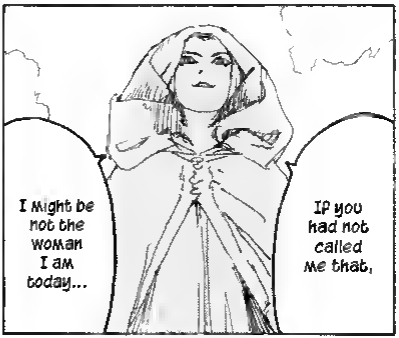
And that is why I will be punished.


I might be not the woman I am today...
If you had not called me that,

I began to step further beyond
After I studied the methods of witchcraft in England,
For being a foolish, loose-tongued old cow
I deciphered the source of power
I discovered the true designs hidden in the Zohar and Baopuzi.
behind all of the events in the universe.
I am no longer small
But what you need is a mirror that shows you yourself, Small Witch
I gained the secrets of the world

Just a precocious, foolish brat
You haven't noticed that the real world still lies outside of your house.
But that still leads to the inside of the house
there is a passage that says how to get out of your little room.
No doubt in your great big book,
You are no Big Witch.
Smaaaall Witch?
Do you still carry your knife,
To cut you to pieces...
...I don't need a knife...
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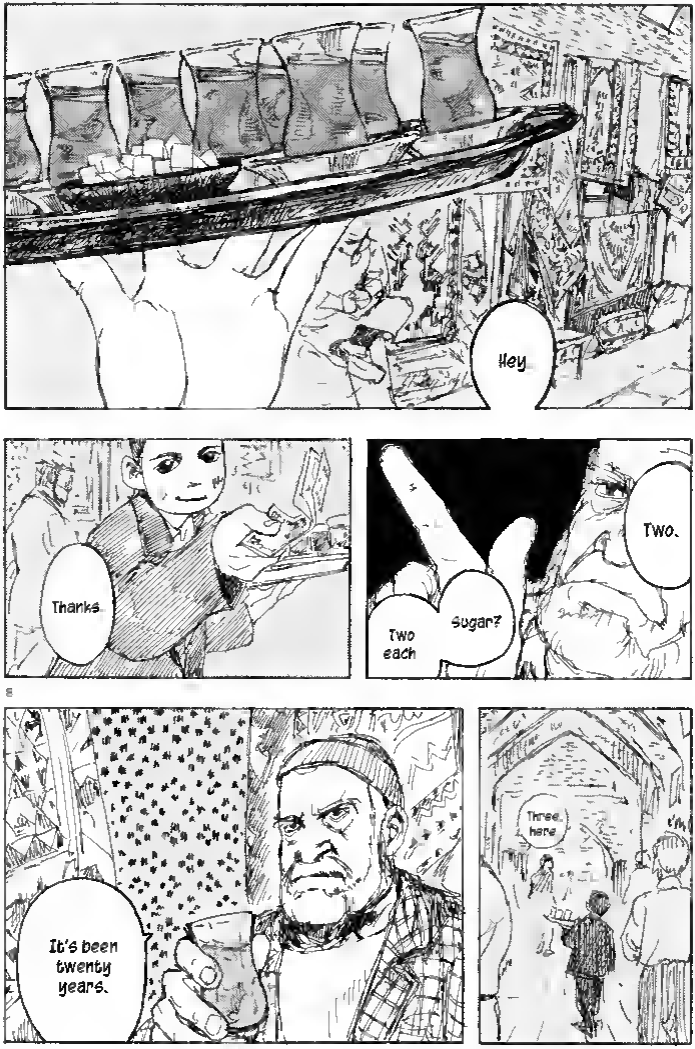
Hey
Thanks
Two each
Sugar?
Two.
It's been twenty years.
Three, here.

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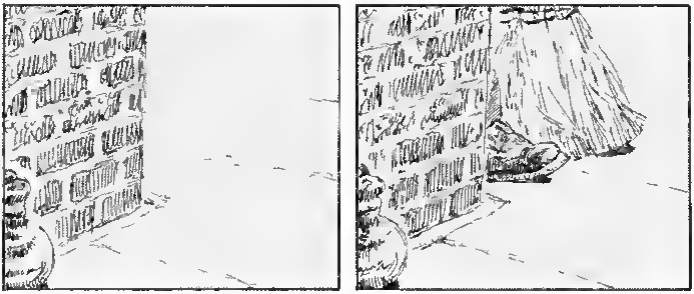

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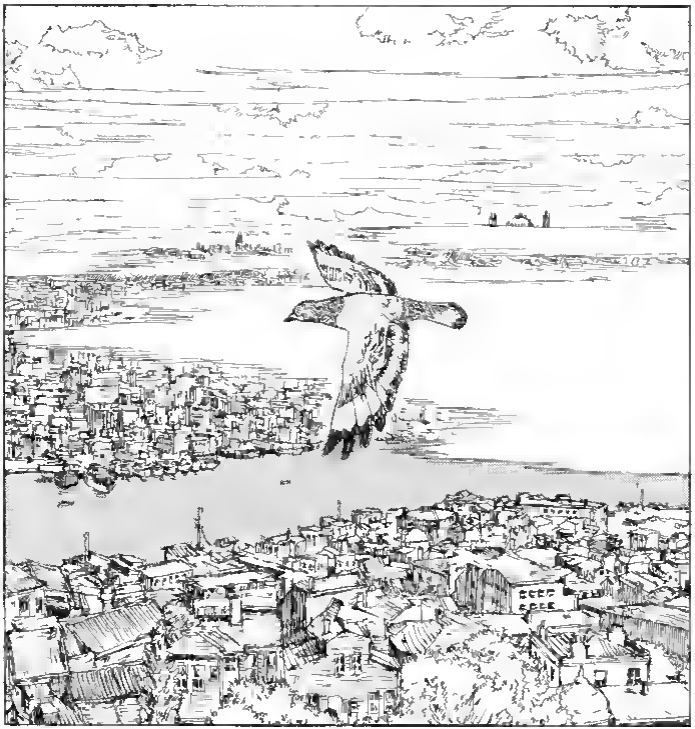

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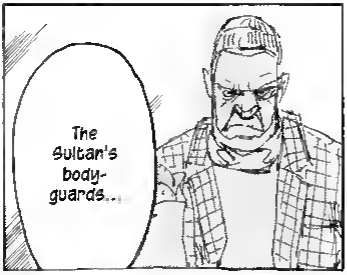
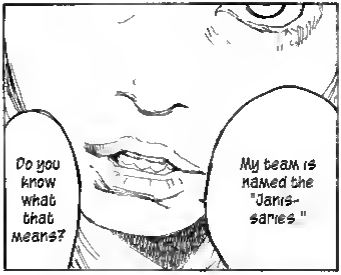
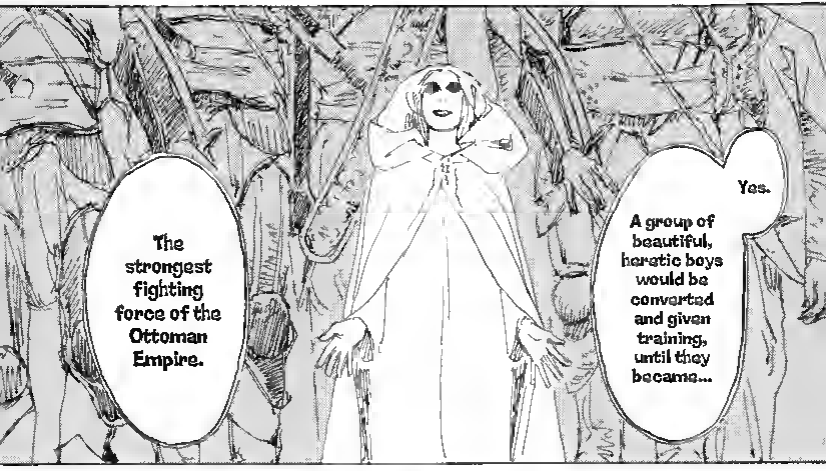
It would be a shame to leave them buried here
There are many excellent players in this area
I'm scouting
My team is still short on power
I'm going to breathe new life into them
That's why
yet you barely cast an eye toward your magnificent treasures
You speak of protecting your traditions
Especially a woman like you
There are things a foreigner will never understand
You haven't changed a bit


The Sultan's body-guards...


Do you know what that means?
My team is named the "Janis-saries"


The strongest fighting force of the Ottoman Empire.
Yes.
A group of beautiful, heretic boys would be converted and given training, until they became...

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you're doing here...?
What do you think...

you bitch
Haseki?
What was your granddaughter's name, again...?
Oh, right.
I'm just a little busy right now...
Don't worry. I'll send her back home.
I'm just keeping her at my house because she wanted to play there
What? I haven't done anything to her.

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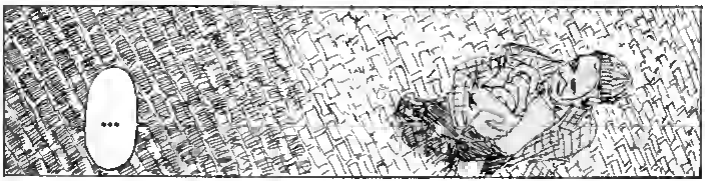

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Hey.

do you know where they sell "rennet"?

Thank you.
All done.
Umm,

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Rennet?
No idea.

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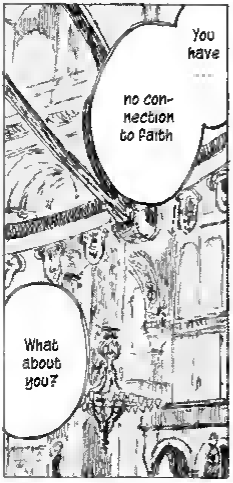
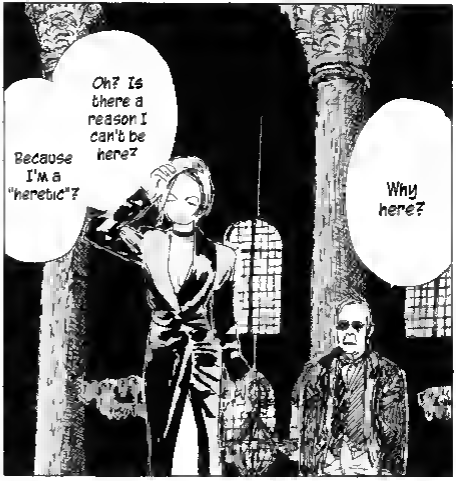
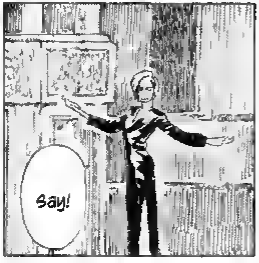
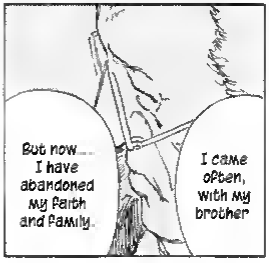
Nicola
What?


You have ... no connection to faith
What about you?

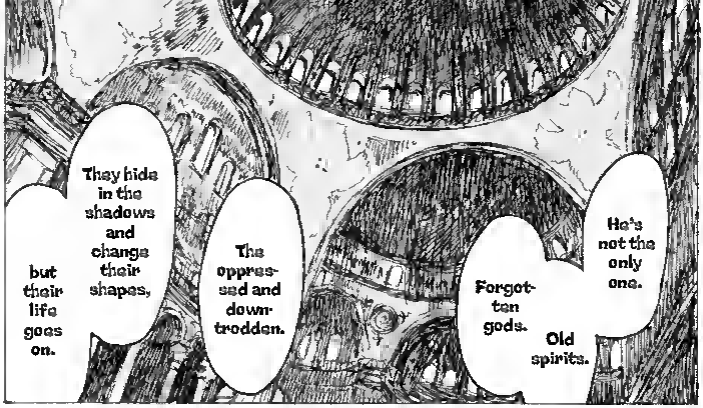

Oh? Is there a reason I can't be here?
Because I'm a "heretic"?
Why here?

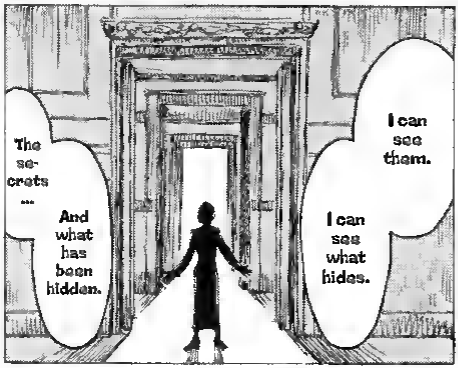

Say!

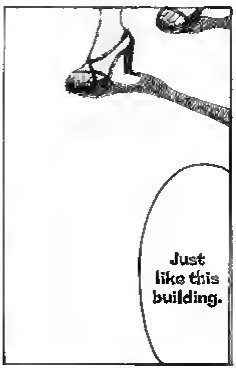

But now... I have abandoned my faith and family.
I came often, with my brother

An angel... I suppose..
That's what you people believe
Right now, this is a temple, but ..
I know.
It was originally built to be a church
But...
It was simply changed in name when the rulers of this land changed.
Do you know what that is...
Carved up there?

He is "Wodan".
It is not.
it's still an angel, is it not?
No matter what age that statue was carved in,
When the Christian Church was spreading across all of Europe,
the Germanic sky god "Wodan" was eradicated as heresy.
Without the artist himself ever realizing what he did...
and has manifested himself through the artisan's hands here
crossing the sea,
biding his time between the thoughts of the people,
He has skillfully survived to this day.


He's not the only one.
Forgotten gods.
Old spirits.
The oppressed and downtrodden.
They hide in the shadows and change their shapes,
but their life goes on.


I can see them.
I can see what hides.
The secrets ...
And what has been hidden.


Just like this building.

Your older brother.
What did Mimar say?
You saw him, didn't you?

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My information...
You gave him...
I was...
I did not!
But I couldn't...
I was going to kill my brother...

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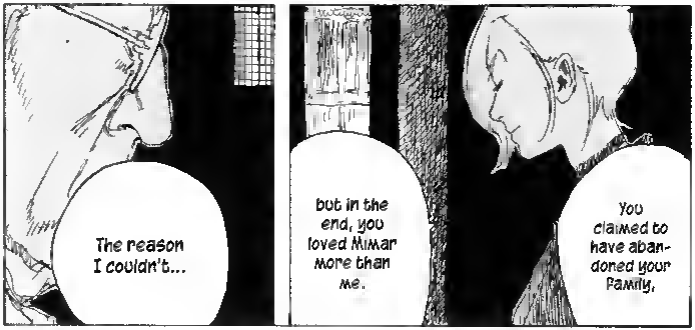
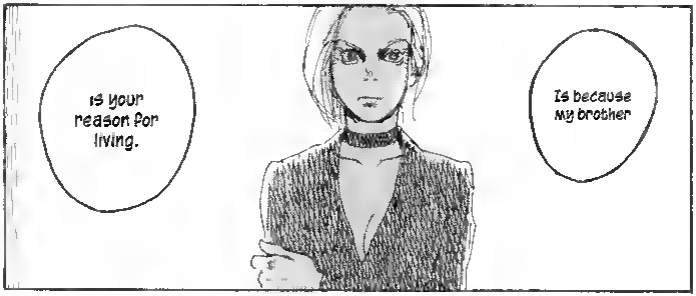
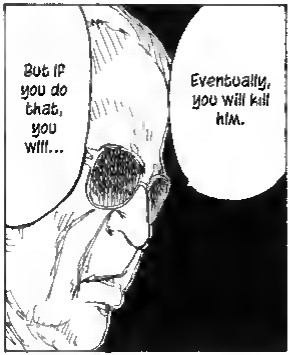
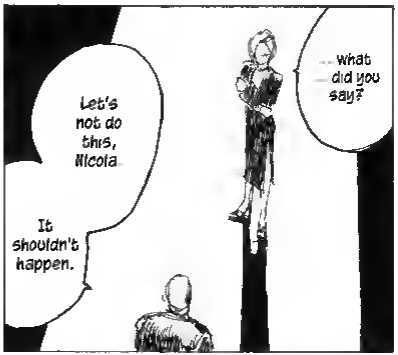

The reason I couldn't...
but in the end, you loved Mimar more than me.
You claimed to have abandoned your family,


is your reason for living.
Is because My brother


But if you do that, you will...
Eventually, you will kill him.


Let's not do this, Nicola
It shouldn't happen.
...what did you say?

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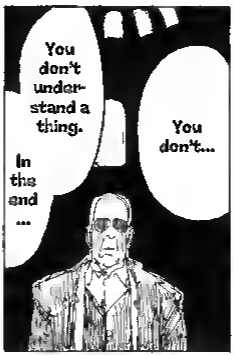
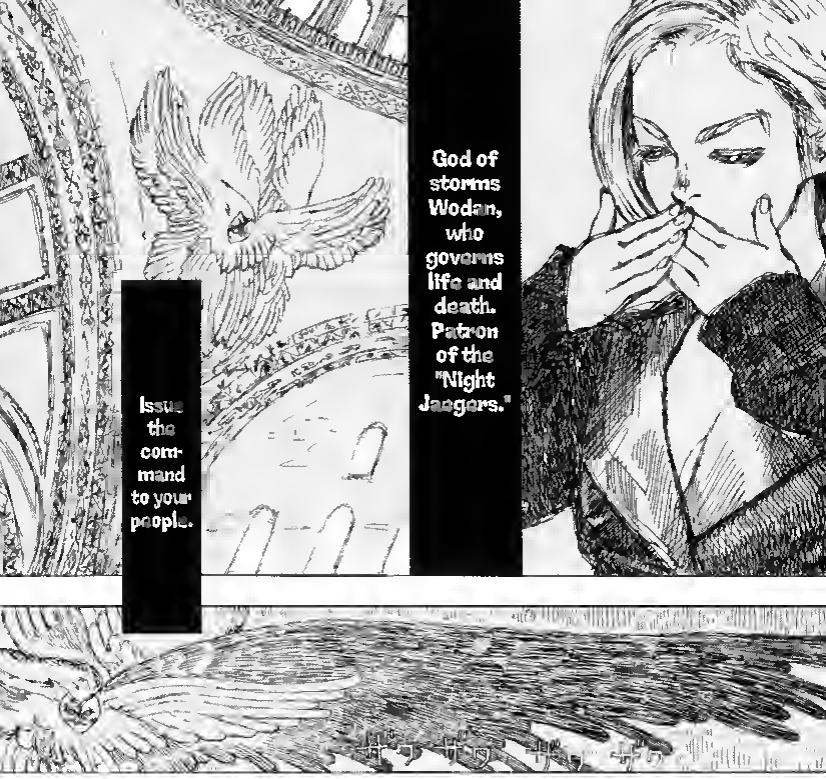
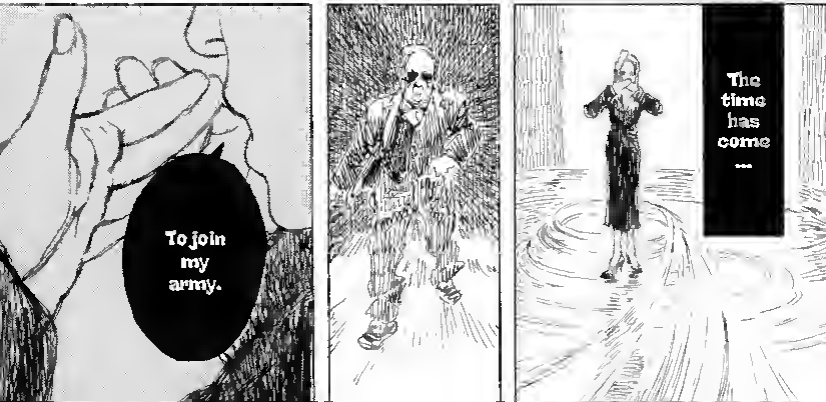
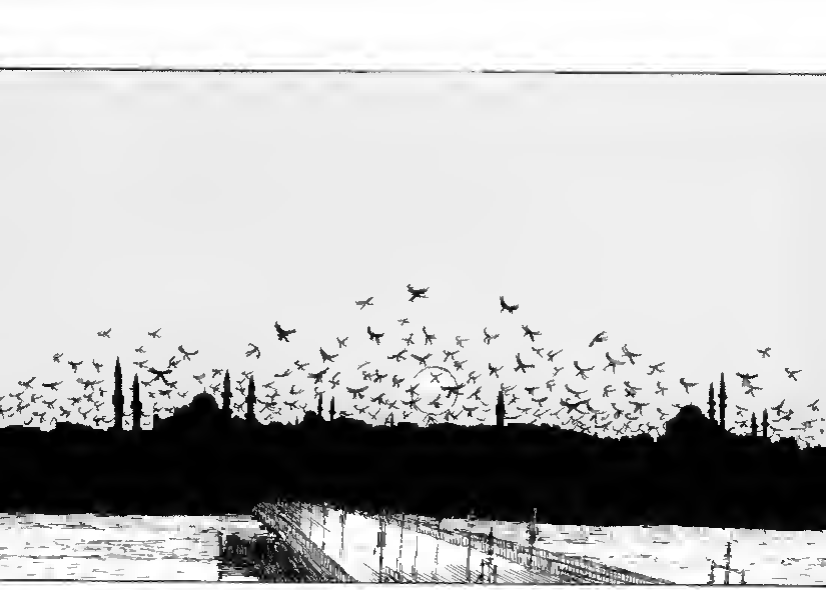
You're just a...


You don't understand a thing.
In the end ...
You don't...

Silence...


God of storms Wodan, who governs life and death. Patron of the "Night Jaegers."
Issue the command to your people.


To join my army.
The time has come ...



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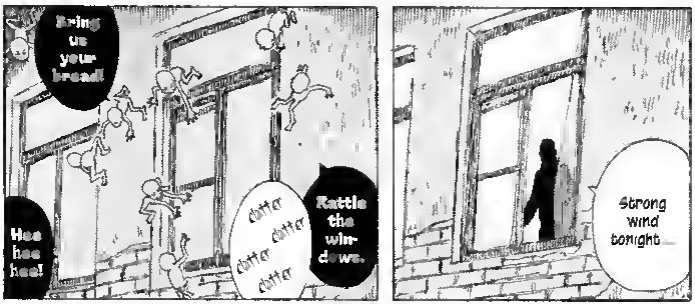
Bring us your bread!
Hee hee hee!
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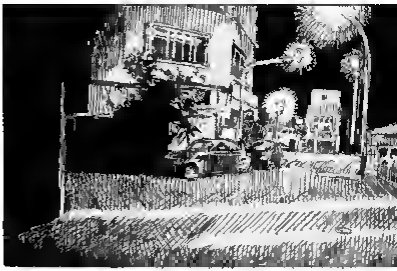
Rattle the window.
Strong wind tonight...

Let's finish up and get home early.
Yeah.
Quiet night tonight.



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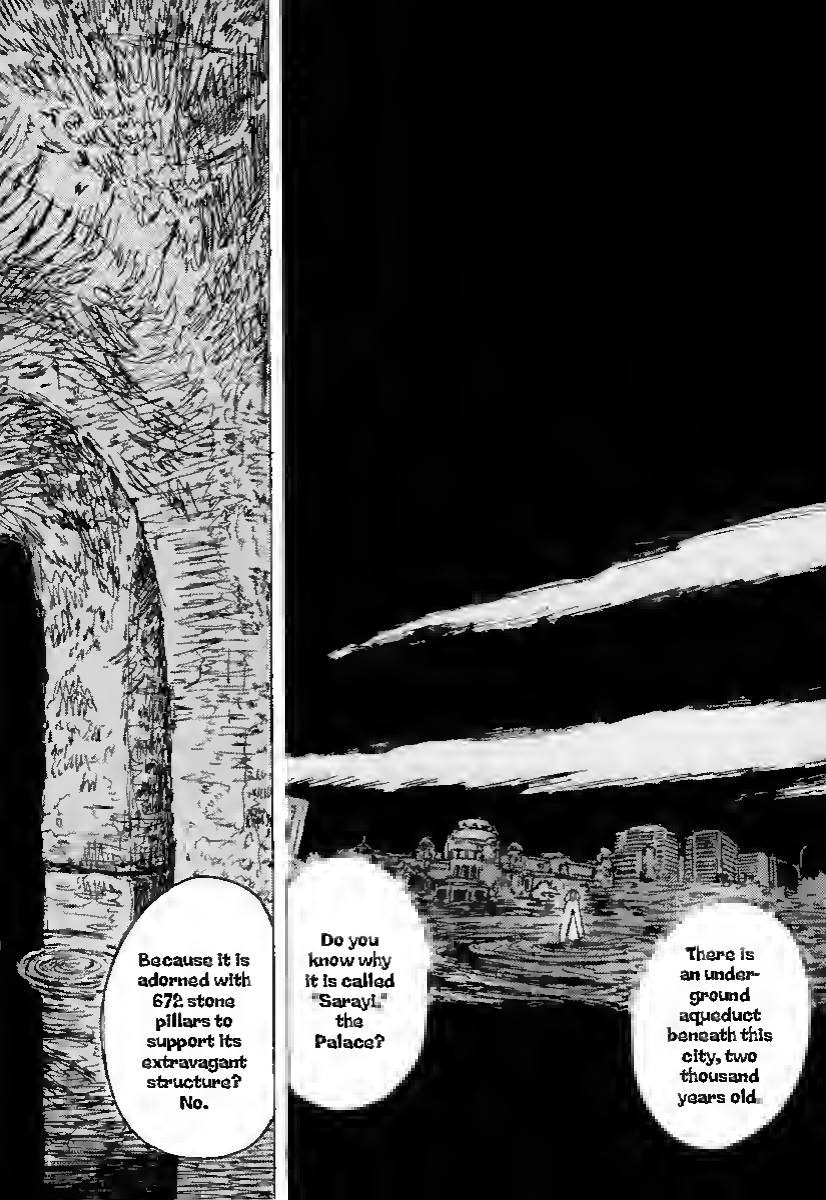
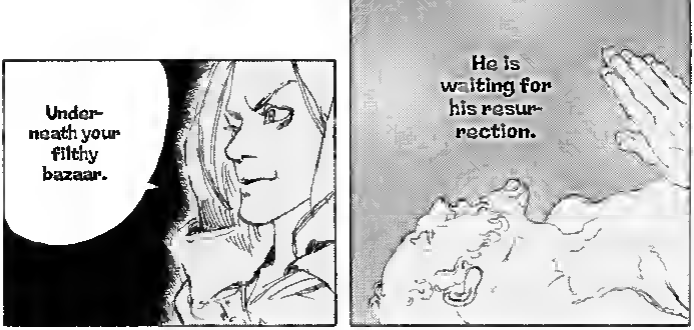

Because it is adorned with 672 stone pillars to support its extravagant structure? No.
Do you know why it is called "Saray," the Palace?
There is an underground aqueduct beneath this city, two thousand years old.

He was turned into a white marble statue and sleeps in this underground palace today.
He was NOT killed in an attack upon the city.
Because it is the palace of Constantine, the final Byzantine Emperor.
Accumulating a two-thousand-year-old hate.


Under-
neath your
filthy
bazaar.
He is
waiting for
his resur-
rection.

Is the
seal that
contains
the rage
and hatred
of a great
empire?
Did you
know that
this
building

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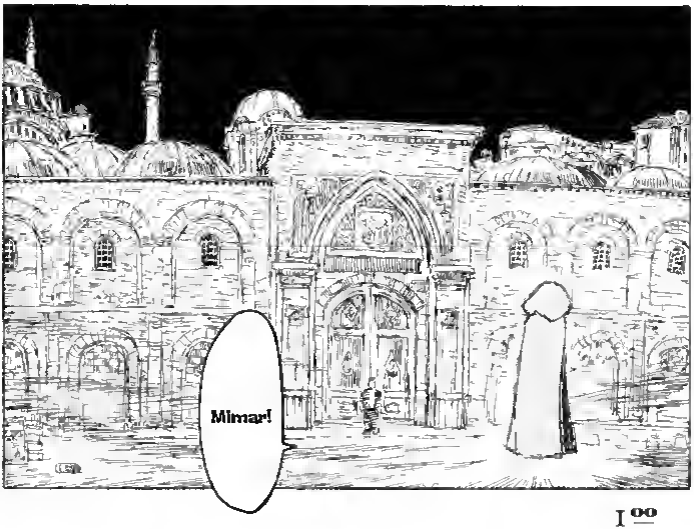
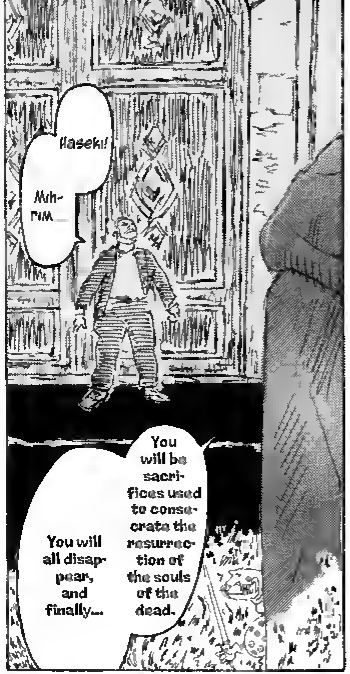

Mimar!

You will now lose all that is yours!


Haseku!
Muh-hm...
You will be sacrifices used to consecrate the resurrection of the souls of the dead.
You will all disappear, and finally...

All that you love.

I will proceed FORWARD...
Those who partake of my blood.

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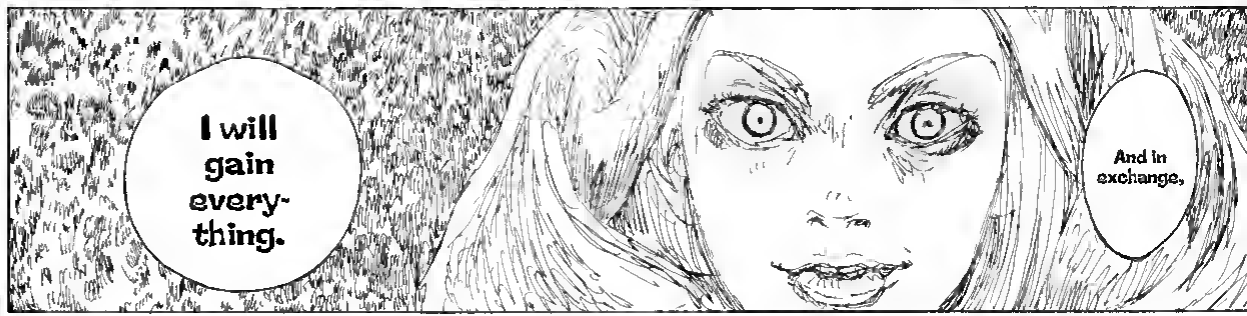
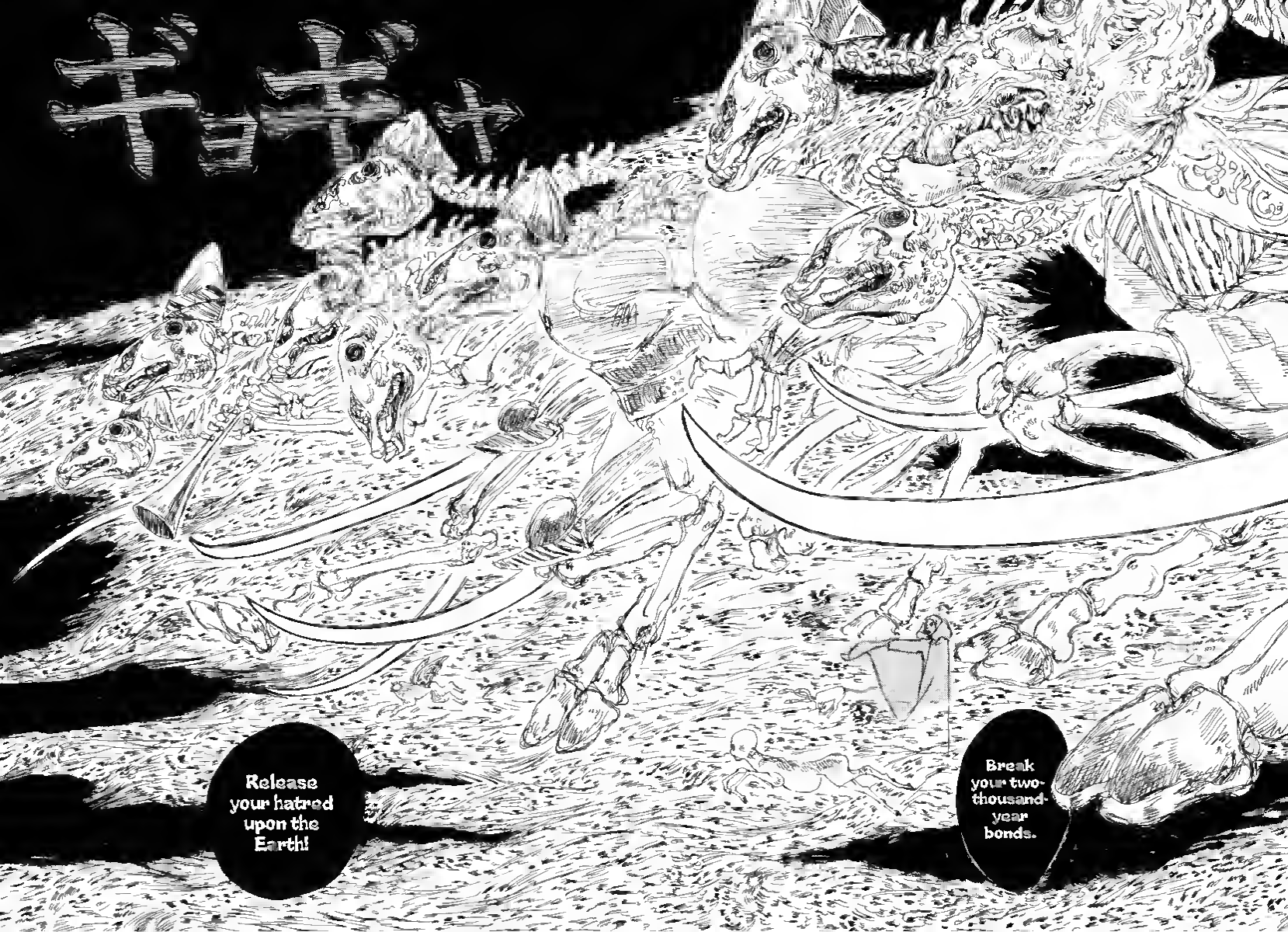

I will gain everything.
And in exchange,


Release your hatred upon the Earth!
Break your two-thousand-year bonds.

Begin the feast of the resurrection.
Spill the blood of mine enemies.
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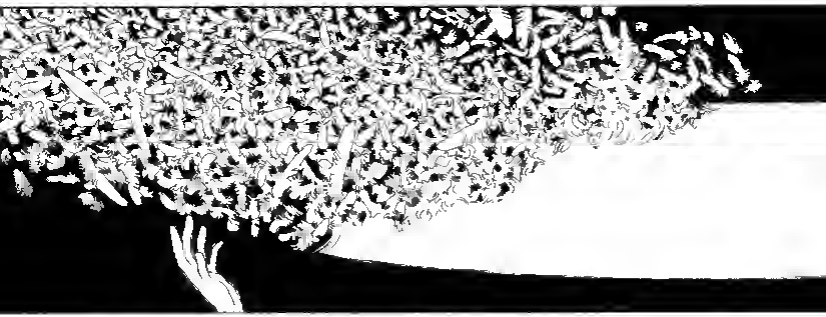

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How...
Impossible!

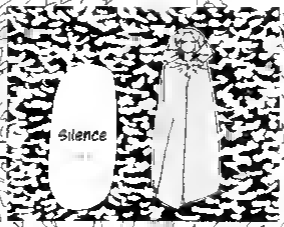
You cannot see the girl.
...just as I suspected.

Girl?
You cannot touch me.
You cannot see my form.
I am from outside.
No...
I have gained all the secrets of the world!
There is nothing I cannot see!

My eyes
can see the paths of the threads of fate
that bind the Alpha and Omega!
No.
You do not spin the threads.
You have no spindle.
...

You cannot accept anything that is larger than you.

You think with words, so you cannot think BEYOND words.



you cannot go outside of it.

Even if you can expand your own world,

is our world, and only that.

What we can reach with our hands,

Remember...
You can never,
ever touch us.
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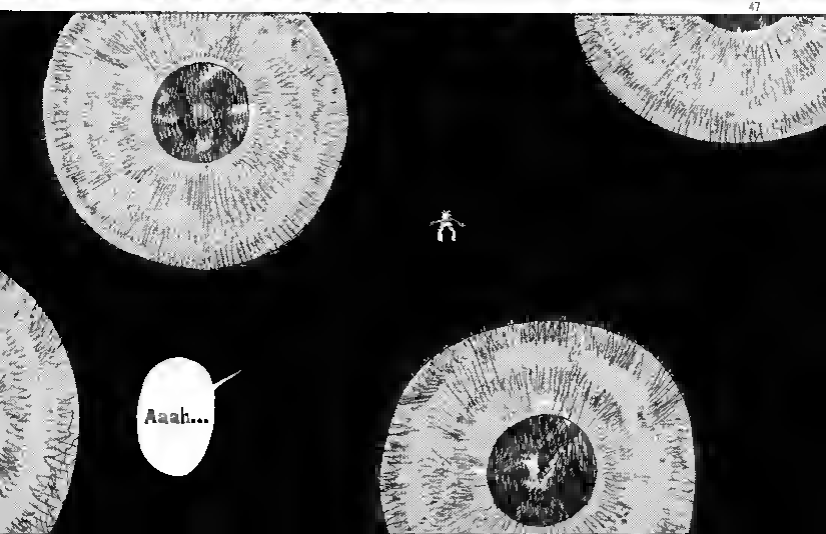
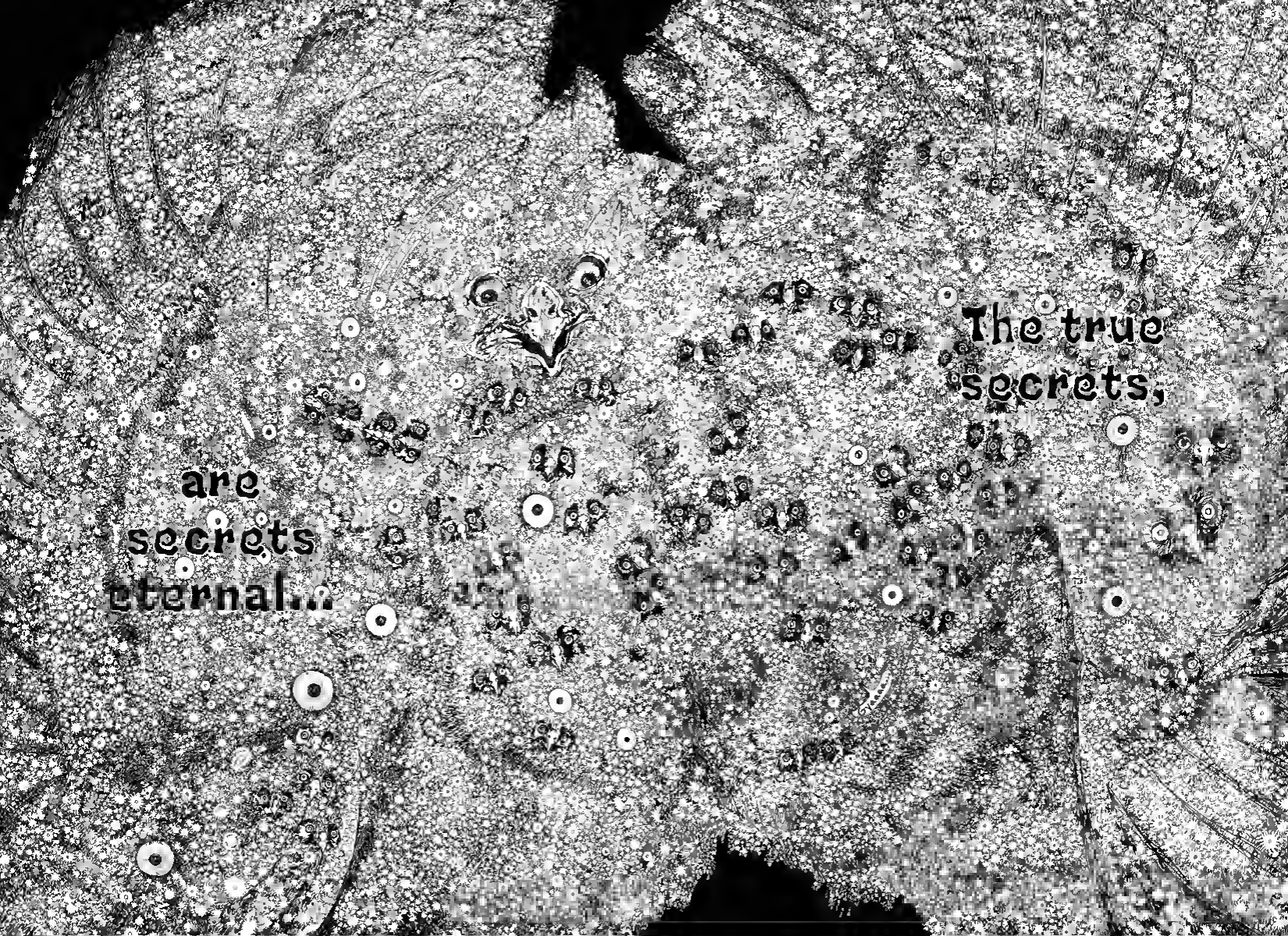
Huh?
!
Do not for-get.
Wha...


Aaah...


The true secrets,
are secrets eternal...

It's all right. They're all just sleeping.
This woman... was starving. Very badly...
What she lost was so great,
that she had to fill the hole in her heart with other things.

Will not replace what is lost...
But even the greatest of things
...
What she could not see was the inside of her own heart...
What she could not hear was her own voice.
Was she herself.
Her true enemy.
Even weaving the most beautiful blankets
Will not replace the loss of my father and sisters.
It will not reach them...
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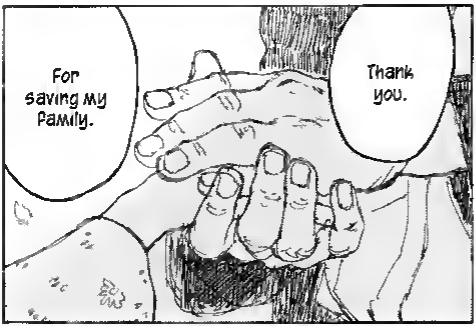
That was all.
to stand before her.
I came from far away,
O Messenger
And what did you come... to tell her,

I myself was the message to her.
I was the words that only she could hear.


Thank you.
For saving my family.

I see...

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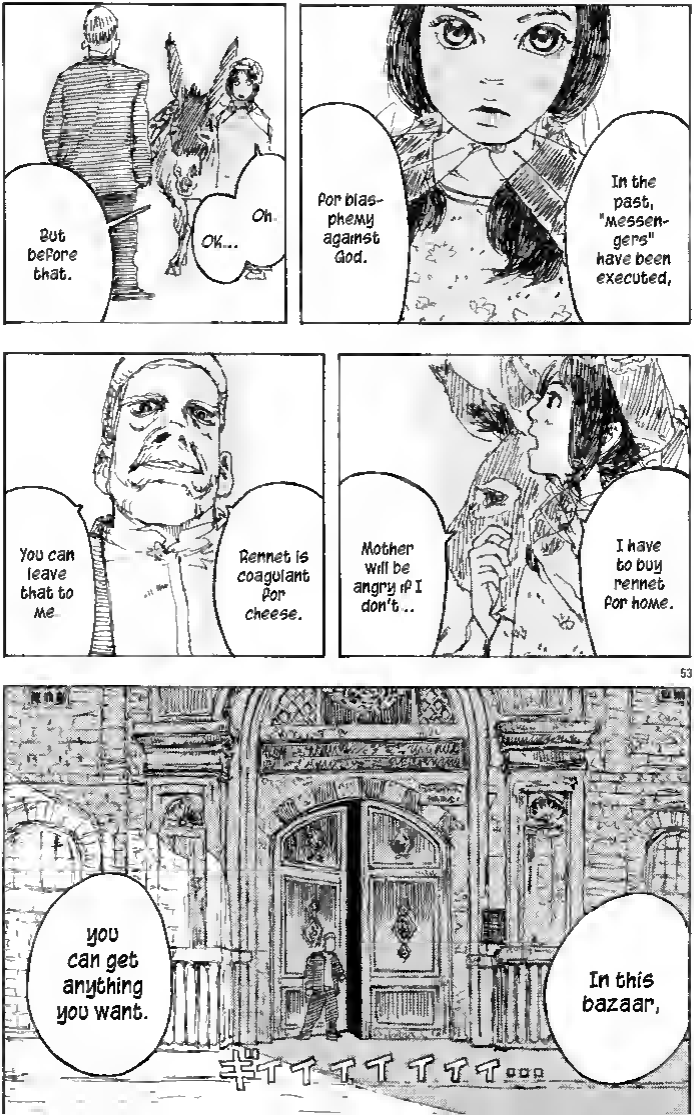
I can never truly repay you for this...
But I must recommend that you leave this city at once.


But before that.
Oh... Ok...
For blasphemy against God.
In the past, "messengers" have been executed,
You can leave that to me
Rennet is coagulant for cheese.
Mother will be angry if I don't ..
I have to buy rennet for home.
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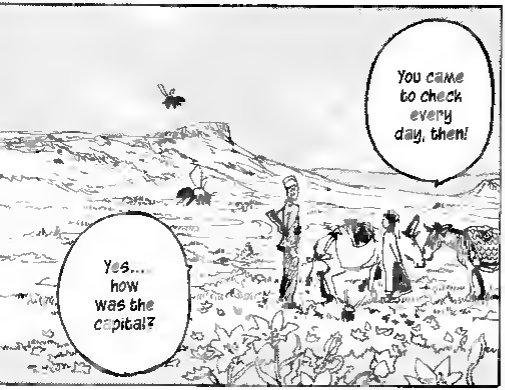
you can get anything you want.
In this bazaar,

Oh,


You came to check every day, then!
Yes... how was the capital?

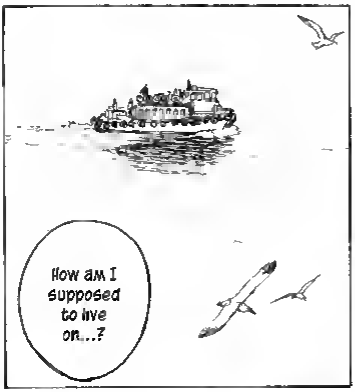
Grandpa!
How did you know I was coming today ...?

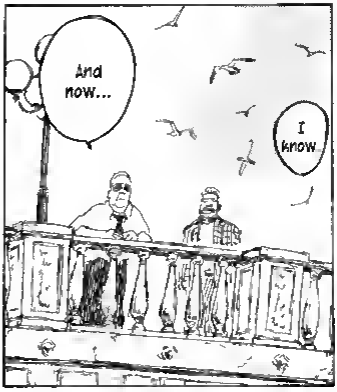
I bought some rennet.
I'm home, Mother.

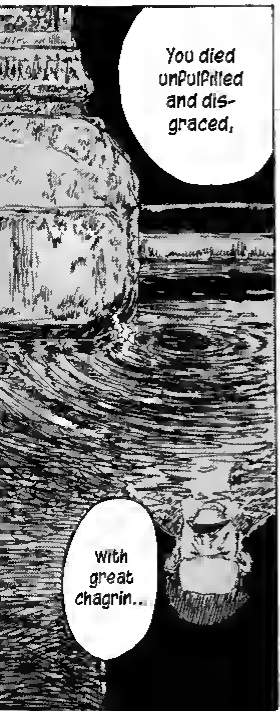
And the food was
The wind was very damp and clingy.
There were lots of people.

I'm sorry for being gone so long.
Did you make the butter already? I can help...
Silly girl!
I was so worried...
Right after you left,
I heard from my sister that she was moving...
Oh, I WANTED to go right after you and get you before anything could happen,
but I had the sheep, and your brothers to watch over
But I'm so glad you're safe...
...thank you for coming home...
Welcome back, dear...
...

It's good to be home.
You know, Brother,
I was not under any spells.
Mariboro, Mariboro, Mariboro, Mariboro.
They don't remember a thing, they say.

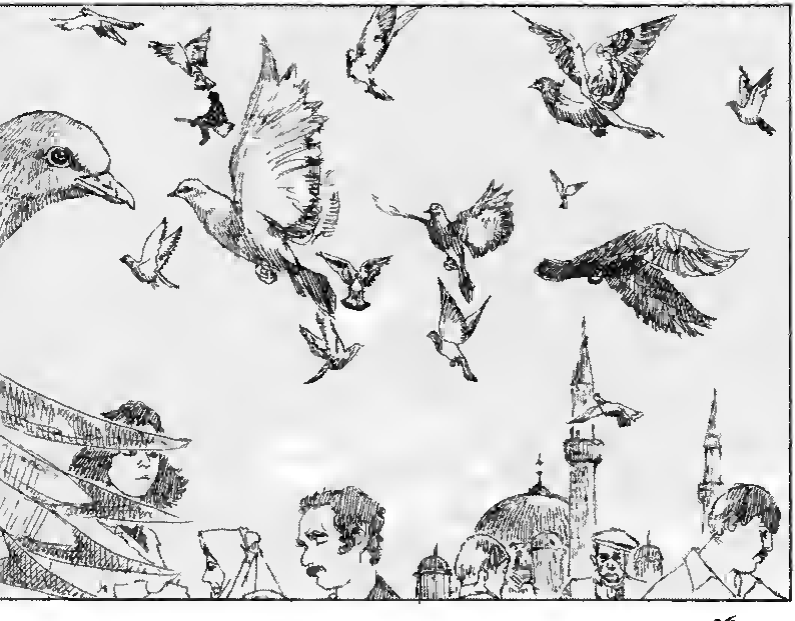

How am I supposed to live on...?

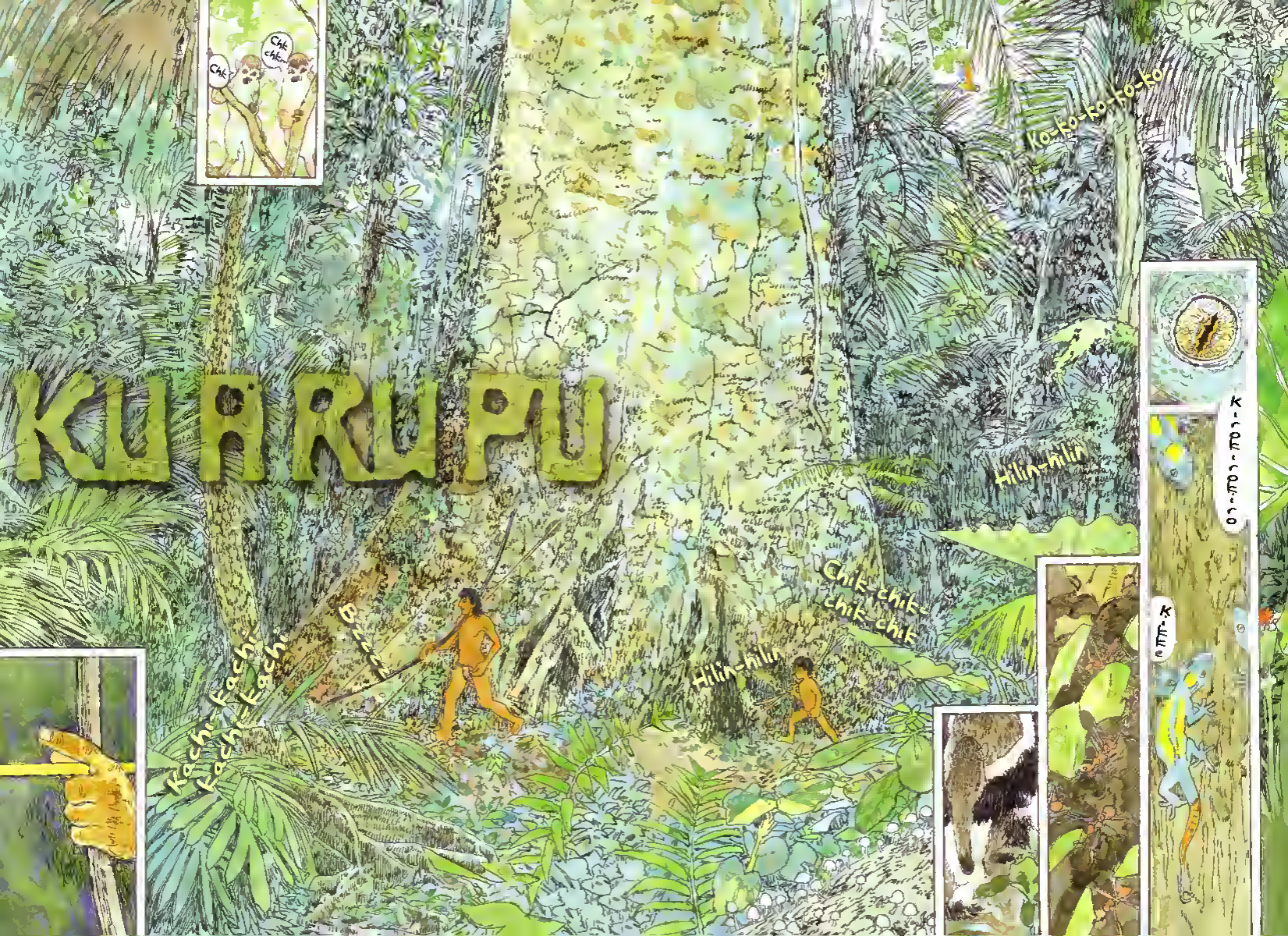

And now...
I know


You died unfulfilled and disgraced,
With great chagrin...

Nicola Farthinghoe...

Keep out!
Rest in peace with the great empire.
Until the time comes...




KU A RU PU
Chk chk...
Chk
Ko-ko-ko-ko-ko
Hili-hili
Chik-chik-
chik-chik
Hili-hili
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Kachi-kachi
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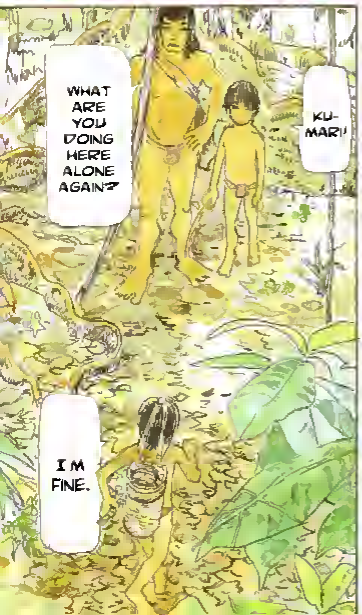
K-r-r-e-e-e-o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KU-MARI!
I'M FINE.

ROAN-TO!

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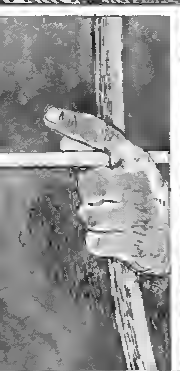
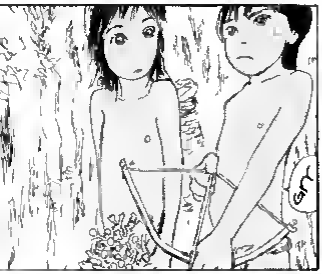


WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ALONE AGAIN?
I'M FINE.
KU-MARI!
ROAN-TO!

YES, THAT IS TRUE, BUT IT DOES NOT MEAN YOU SHOULD BE CARELESS.
I WAS BORN TO BE A SHAMAN.
SEE, LOOK AT THAT
THAT WHITE MIST THAT FLOATS THROUGH THE JUNGLE.
IT IS A SPIRIT THAT IS TOO STRONG FOR HUMANS



YOU MUST STAY AWAY FROM IT.

NO, I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE!
I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE!

I WON'T LET IT KILL YOU.
DON'T WORRY

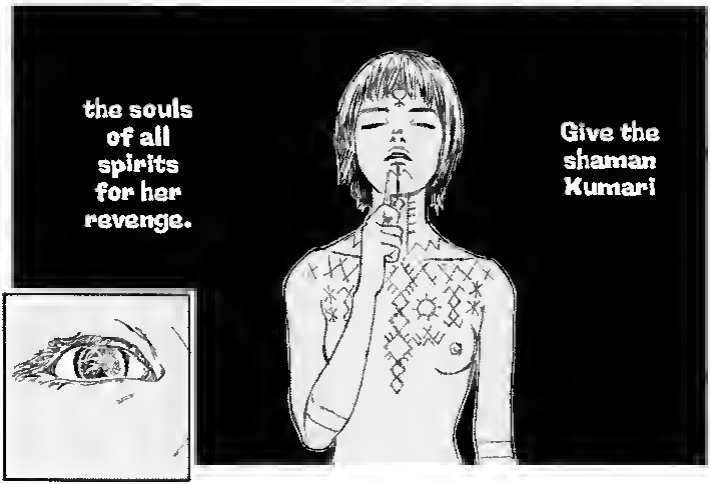
YOU ARE BOTH GOOD CHIL-DREN.

Chuchuhuasi.

Lupuna.
Ayahuasca.
Toe.

Give me your strength.

king of spirits.
Master of plants,


the souls of all spirits for her revenge.
Give the shaman Kumari

COUGH.
COUGH COUGH
LOOK OUT, MAN.

KOHF!
COUGH!
GIVE IT A DAMN REST, ALREADY.
THE WHITE MIST IS A SPIRIT TOO STRONG FOR HUMANS, WE SHOULD STAY AWAY...
I HATE THIS DAMN MIST
IT'S TOO HUMID, DAMMIT...
MY FATHER SAW CHUYATHAQI IN THE MIST AND BECAME SICK
IT LOOKED HUMAN, BUT ONE LEG WAS POINTED BACK-WARDS...
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MY SPECIALTY IS FALLING ASLEEP WITH MY EYES OPEN
click
WEREN'T YOU LISTENING? WE'RE HERE PRECISELY TO KILL THAT WITCH.
LOOK.. CAN YOU GET ANY DUMBER?
AND YOU KNOW THEY SAY THERE IS A WITCH IN THIS FOREST?

FRESH ONES
TRACKS
WHAT IS IT?
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Cough
...

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TRACKS ?
click

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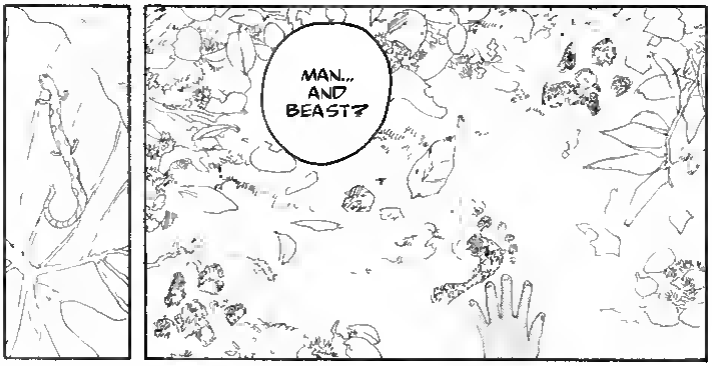
MAN... AND BEAST?

KYOIN!
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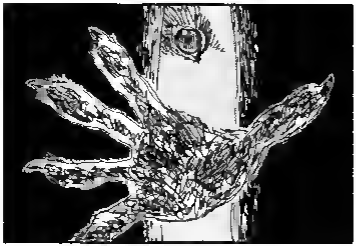
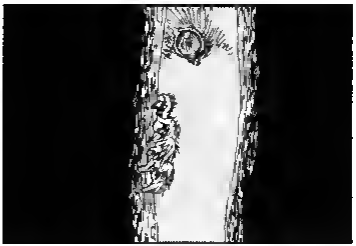
DU
...
COUGH COUGH
TCH
MON-KEYS?





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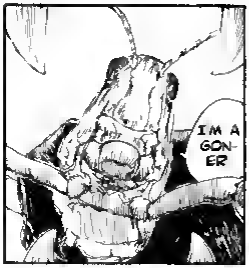

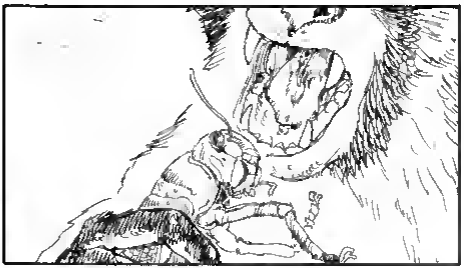

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KEHACK!
GROHF!
GOFF!
HEY, I GOT A LEECH.
GET IT OFF ME
HUH? SURE...
IT'S THIS DAMN MIST!
I CAN'T HELP IT.
COUGH!
PIPE DOWN!
THE DROPS ARE BIG AS RAIN.
DAMN THIS MIST...
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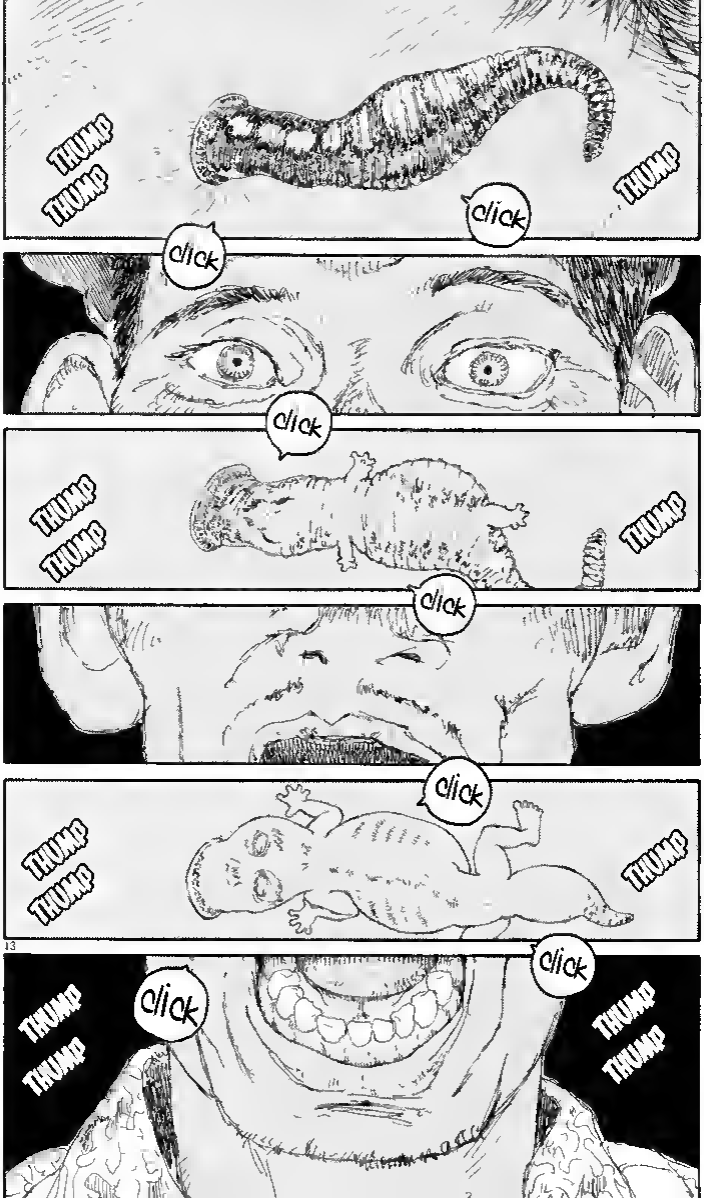
click
IT'S A BIG ONE.
DON'T WORRY, I GOT IT..
HURRY UP!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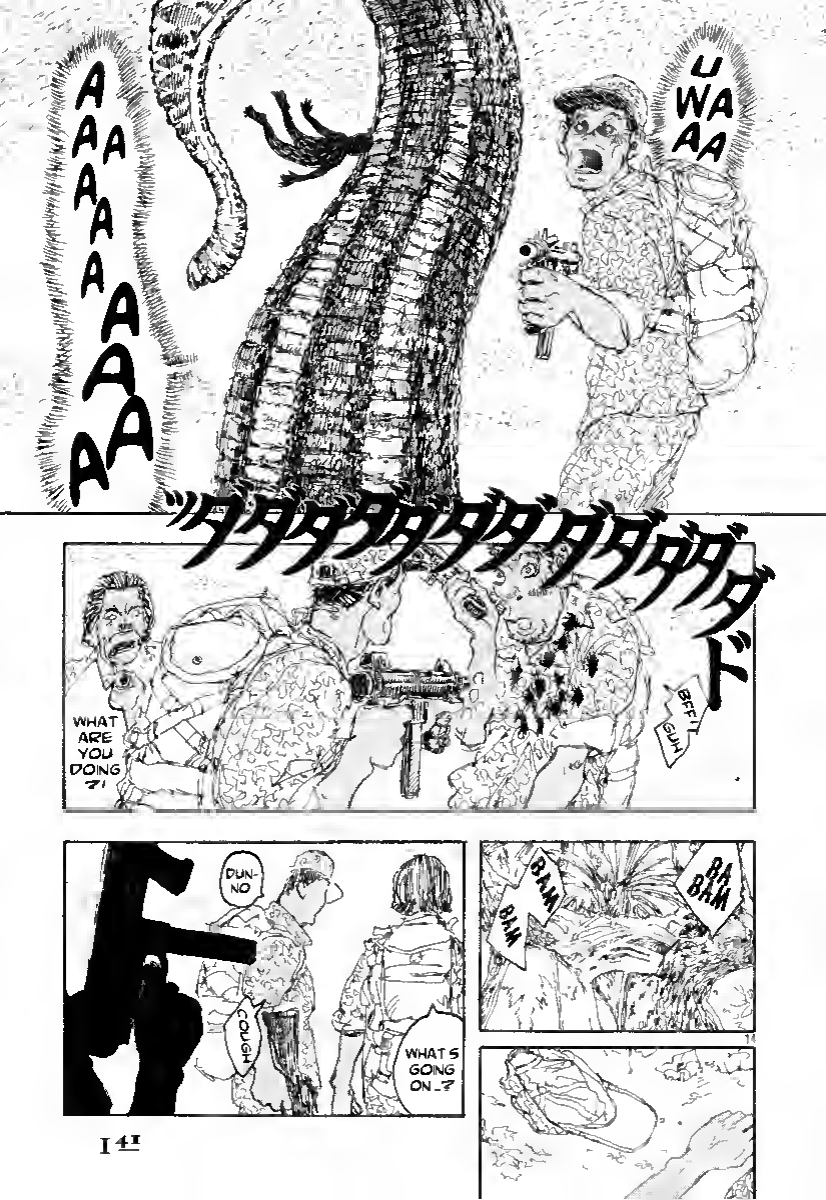
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COUGH COUGH.
COUGH COUGH.
I'M A GONER
LIKE HELL YOU'RE GONNA EAT ME

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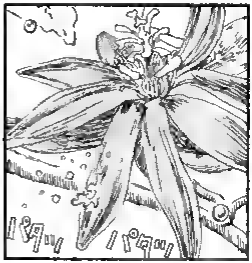

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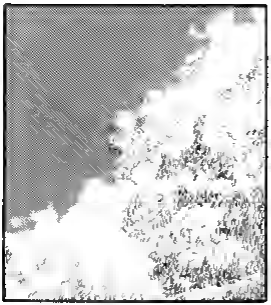

NO WONDER MY BARRIER WAS BROKEN.
FATHER OF SHAMANS, PABLO.
IT WAS YOU WHO BETRAYED ME.

THE WHITE MEN ARE POWERFUL
THE ONLY WAY WE CAN SURVIVE IS BY CUTTING DOWN THE FORESTS AND ACCEPTING THE WHITE MAN'S CULTURE
...THIS IS NOT A BETRAYAL.
YOU'RE JUST IGNORING THE PROBLEM.
IF YOU CONTINUE YOUR AGRICULTURE, THE DEAD WILL ONLY INCREASE IN NUMBER.
IN FACT, YOU ARE THE BETRAYER, ROANTO.
THIS IS REALITY.

THERE MUST BE A WAY FOR US TO CO-EXIST.
NOT ALL THE WHITE MEN THINK THE SAME
THERE IS NO NEED FOR US TO FIGHT THE WHITE MEN, EITHER!
NO-THING I AM DOING IS WRONG.
IT IS NOTHING BUT A CRIME, DONE TO SATE GREED AND DESIRE.
BUT RIGHT NOW, ALL THAT IS HAPPENING IN THIS FOREST IS DESTRUC-TION.
DID THE SPIRITS OF THE FOREST TELL YOU THIS?
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY.
OH? EVEN KILLING THOSE WHO WANT TO TALK THIS OVER?

NO LONGER BE A FOREST
THIS WILL
WE WILL ONLY LEAVE OUR SMALL SOULS BEHIND
AND BE REBORN INTO THE GREAT SOUL
DON'T BE AFRAID.
ROAN-TO...
EVERY-ONE WILL BE WAITING FOR US.
IS THAT WHAT THE FOREST SPIRITS TOLD YOU?

NOW WE'LL SEE WHAT SHE DOES

SHE IS NOT A WOMAN WHO WILL TAKE THE MURDER OF HER MAN LYING DOWN
KUMARI THE SHAMAN
WHO?

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HIKIKI

NOT FOR "HEALING," BUT TO CURSE.
NEVER BEFORE HAS SUCH A THOROUGHLY -TRAINED SHAMAN
USED THE SPIRITS OF THE FOREST.
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IF WE TOOK OUT ROANTO?
WASN'T THE ANTI-DEVELOPMENT SABOTAGE SUPPOSED TO END

YES YOUR EXCELLENCY
ANSWER ME
HOW MANY OF MY SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN KILLED NOW PRECISELY?

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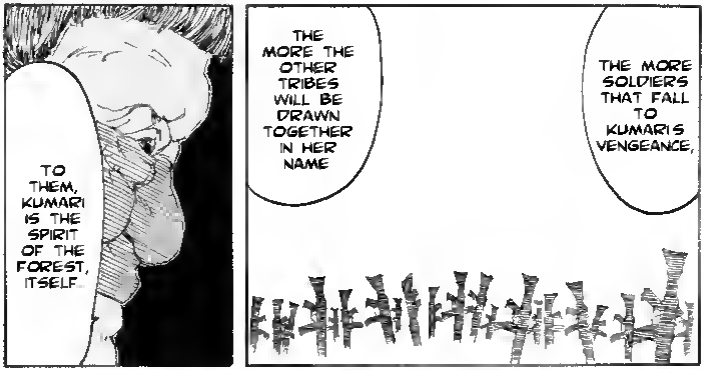
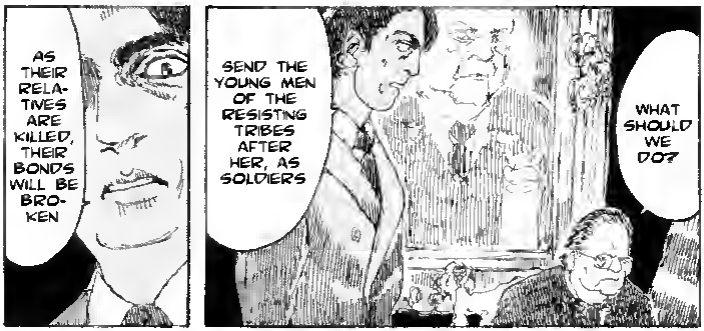
KUMARI IS NOW BECOMING THE SYMBOL OF THE FOREST
SHAMAN PABLO
YOU MAY LEAVE


TO THEM, KUMARI IS THE SPIRIT OF THE FOREST, ITSELF.
THE MORE THE OTHER TRIBES WILL BE DRAWN TOGETHER IN HER NAME
THE MORE SOLDIERS THAT FALL TO KUMARI'S VENGEANCE,


AS THEIR RELATIVES ARE KILLED, THEIR BONDS WILL BE BROKEN
SEND THE YOUNG MEN OF THE RESISTING TRIBES AFTER HER, AS SOLDIERS
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

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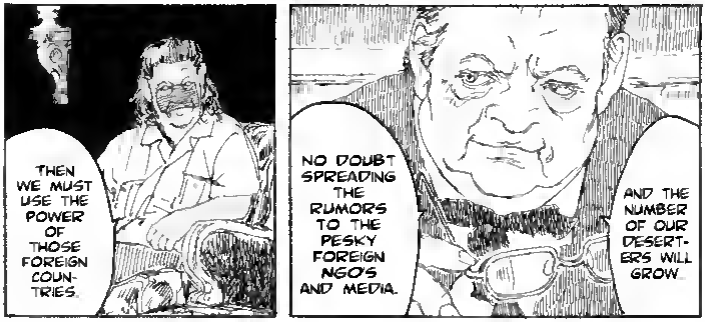
THEN WE MUST USE THE POWER OF THOSE FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
NO DOUBT SPREADING THE RUMORS TO THE PESKY FOREIGN NGOS AND MEDIA.
AND THE NUMBER OF OUR DESERTERS WILL GROW...

AND HOW DID YOU KNOW?
JUST YESTERDAY, ONE SUCH NATION ASKED IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO BORROW SOME MEN.
THE PATRONIZING BASTARDS
THERE ARE NATIONS THAT WILL BE INCONVENIENCED BY THE DELAY OF DEVELOPMENT HERE
..CAN'T YOU JUST USE YOUR CURSES OR SOMETHING?
POLITICIANS WANTING TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION FOR THEIR SPONSORS ARE WONT TO CONSPIRE WITH AN ARMY NEEDING TO TEST OUT NEW WEAPONS
..HMPH
I'M AFRAID NOT...

WE WILL BE LIABLE FOR REPARATIONS
IF THE PROJECT IS DELAYED ANY FURTHER
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I WILL NOT HAVE FOREIGN SOLDIERS WALKING WITHIN MY COUNTRY AS IF IT IS THEIRS
YOU ARE COMPARING THE COSTS..
A SHAMAN ACTING LIKE A BUSINESSMAN..
SOLDIERS AND WEAPONS ARE NOT FREE, EITHER
IF THEY WISH TO SPILL BLOOD, LET THEM DO SO.
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I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU COULD THINK THAT WAY.
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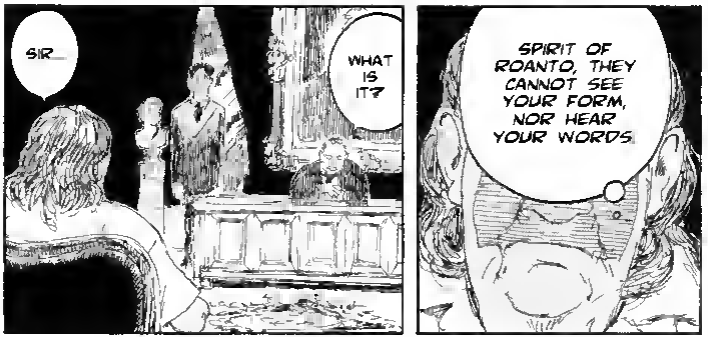
Know SHAME!
You are merchants of death, selling our blood and flesh.
You are making deals with the sanctity of life.


SIR...
WHAT IS IT?
SPIRIT OF ROANTO, THEY CANNOT SEE YOUR FORM, NOR HEAR YOUR WORDS.

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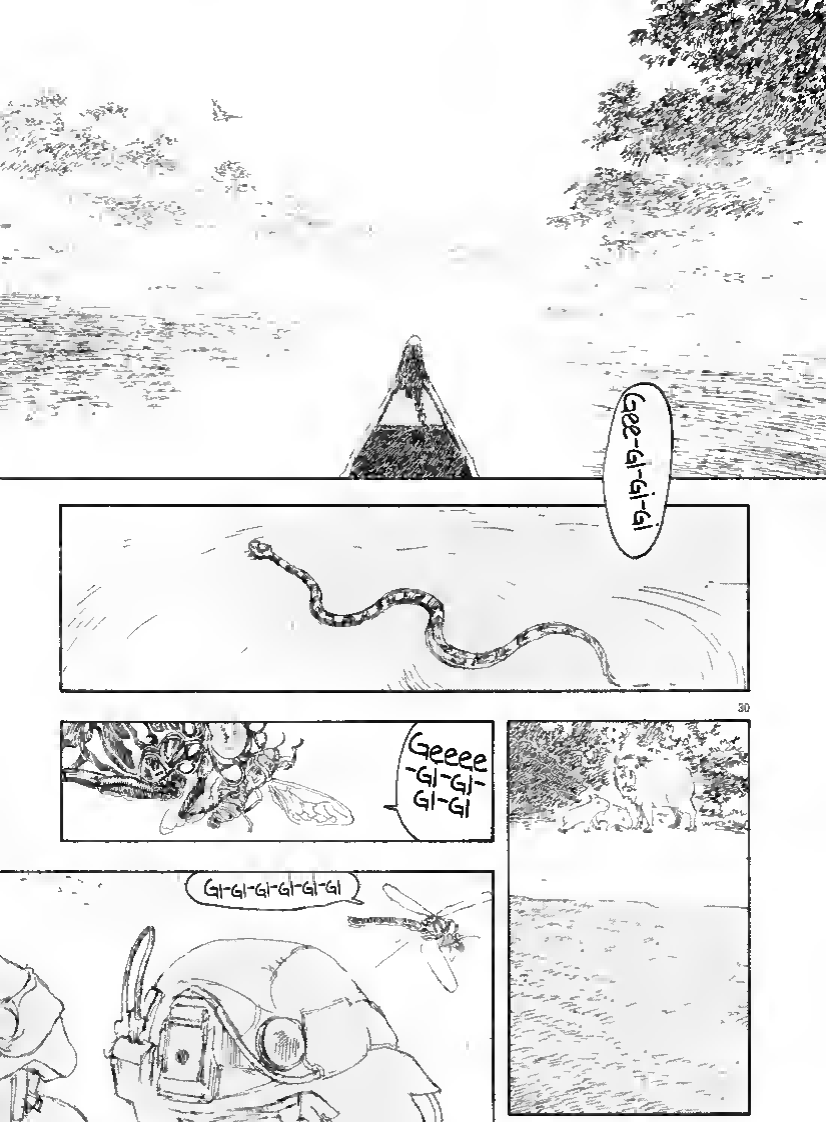
LEARN FROM IT, AND USE IT FOR HIMSELF.
THE TRICKS OF THE SHAMAN ARE TO TOUCH THE POWER THAT RULES THE WORLD,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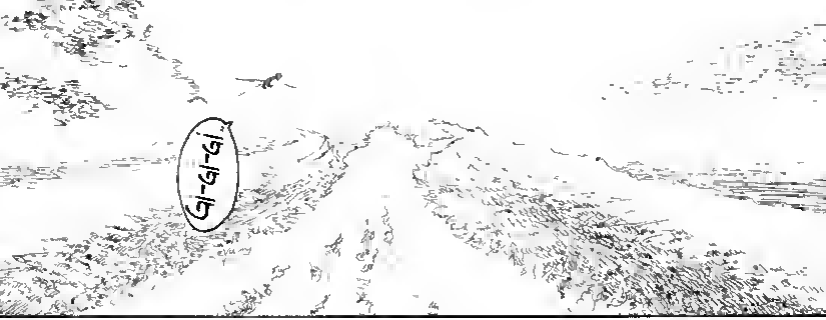
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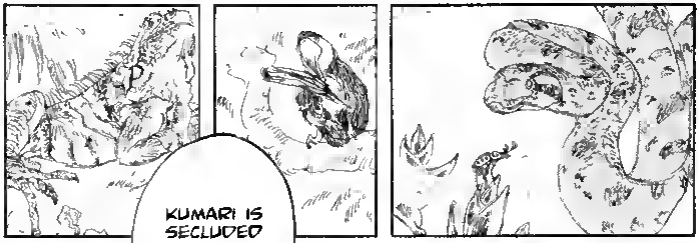

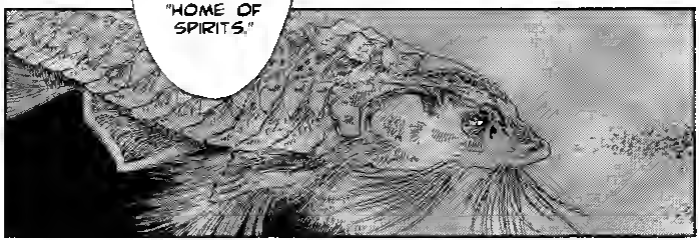
KUMARI IS SECLUDED IN THE "HOME OF SPIRITS."

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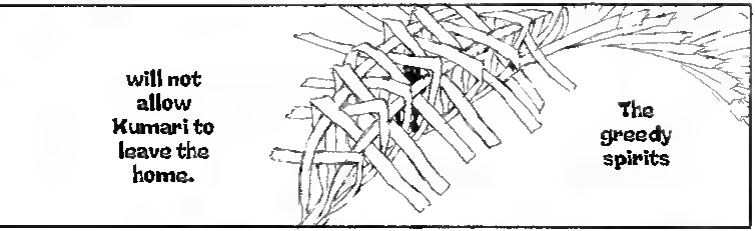
THE SHAMAN GIVES HER BODY AN ODOR THAT ATTRACTS SPIRITS LIKE HONEY.
THE HOME OF SPIRITS IS THE SHAMAN'S LAST RESORT.

she continually gives her body as food to the spirits.
Within the "home," as long as Kumari lives,


will not allow Kumari to leave the home.
The greedy spirits

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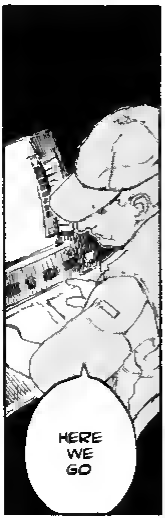
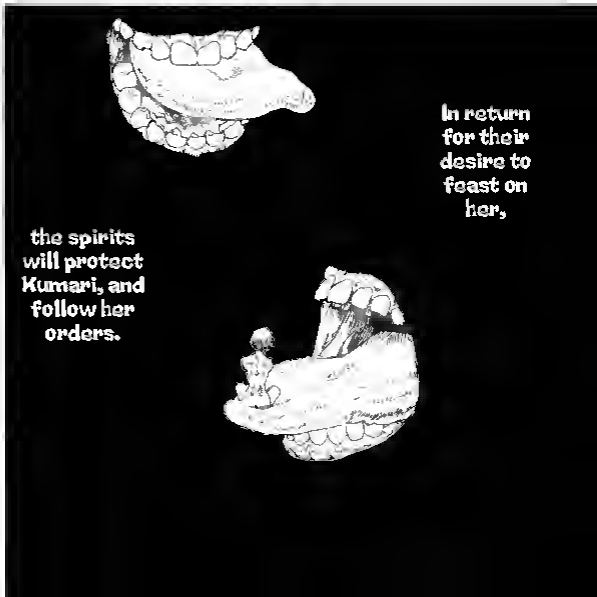
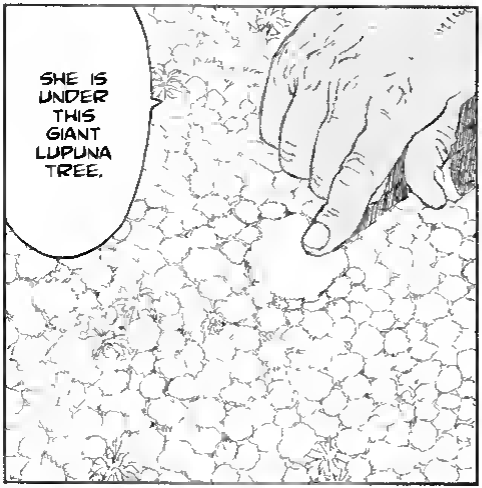

HERE WE GO


In return for their desire to feast on her,
the spirits will protect Kumari, and follow her orders.

THE "HOME OF SPIRITS" IS A BARRIER CENTERED AROUND THE SPIRIT OF A GREAT TREE.
THESE ARE SATELLITE PHOTOS OF THE STAGE OF OPERATIONS.


SHE IS UNDER THIS GIANT LUPUNA TREE.

YES
THERE ARE ONLY SO MANY TREES THAT CAN BE USED.

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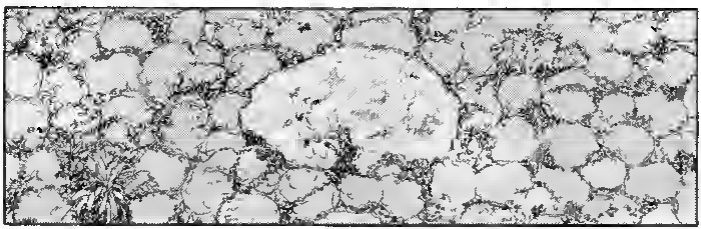

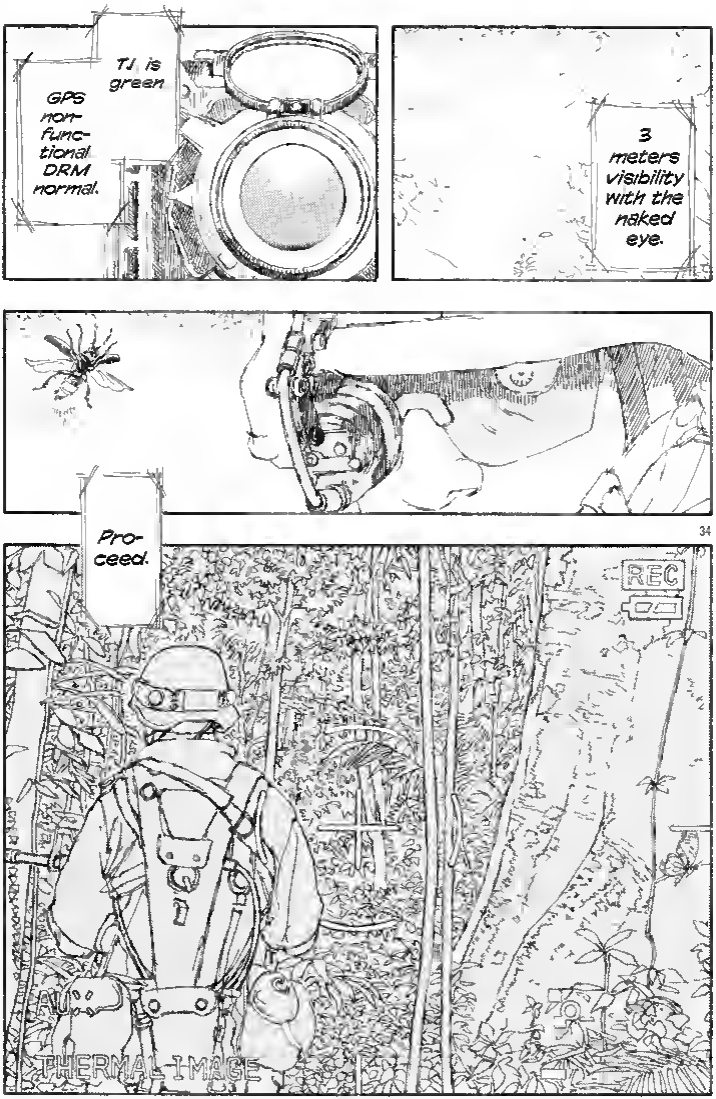
TI is green
GPS non-functional. DRM normal.
3 meters visibility with the naked eye.
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Proceed.
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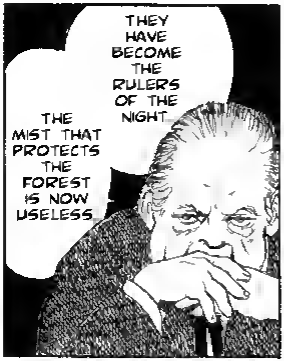
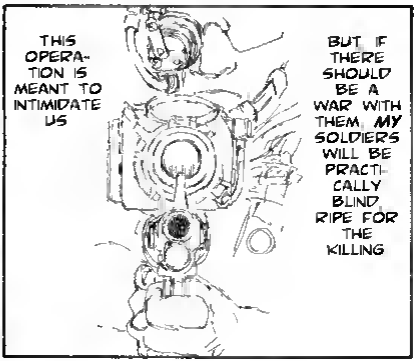
THERMAL IMAGE

EVERY ONE
EACH ONE IS SUITED UP
THEY CAN SEE UP TO TWO KILOMETERS THROUGH EVEN THE THICKEST FOG
WITH THEIR STATE-OF-THE-ART OPTICS EQUIPMENT,


THEY HAVE BECOME THE RULERS OF THE NIGHT
THE MIST THAT PROTECTS THE FOREST IS NOW USELESS


THIS OPERATION IS MEANT TO INTIMIDATE US
BUT IF THERE SHOULD BE A WAR WITH THEM, MY SOLDIERS WILL BE PRACTICALLY BLIND RIPE FOR THE KILLING

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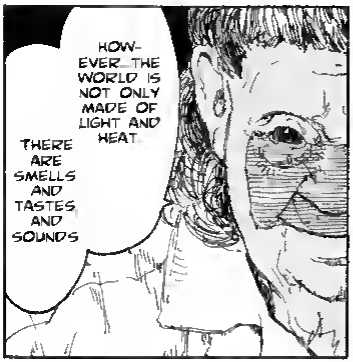
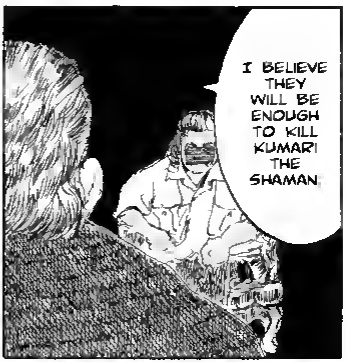
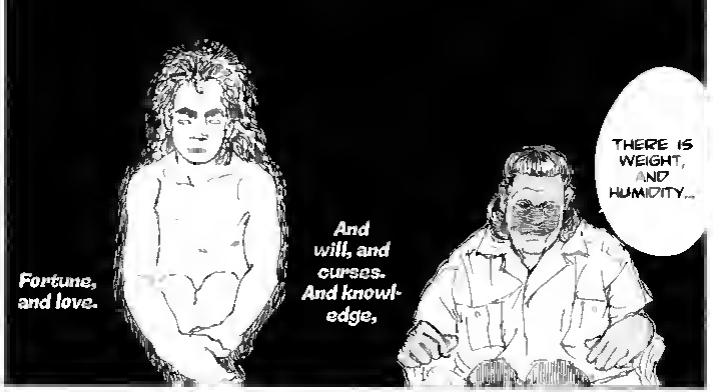
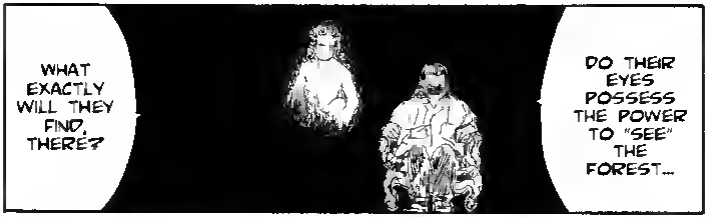
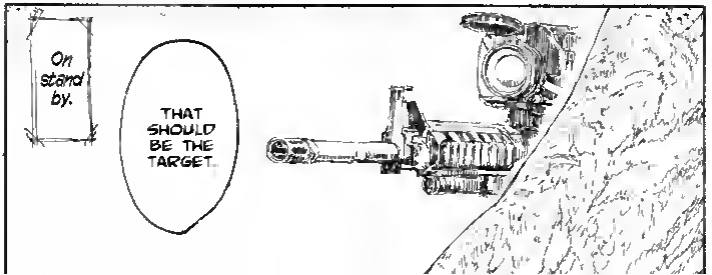

HOWEVER, THE WORLD IS NOT ONLY MADE OF LIGHT AND HEAT
THERE ARE SMELLS AND TASTES AND SOUNDS


I BELIEVE THEY WILL BE ENOUGH TO KILL KUMARI THE SHAMAN

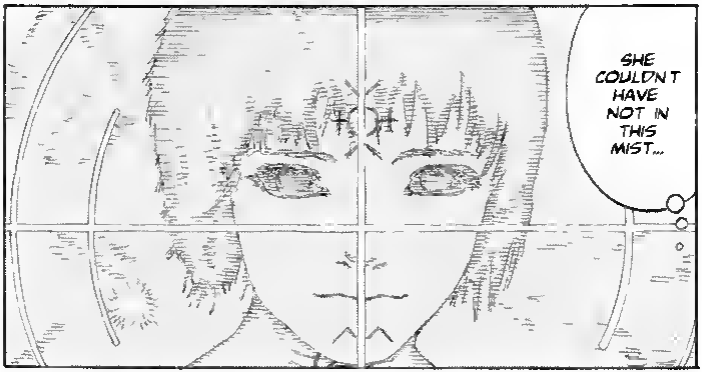

Fortune, and love.
And will, and curses. And knowledge,
THERE IS WEIGHT, AND HUMIDITY...

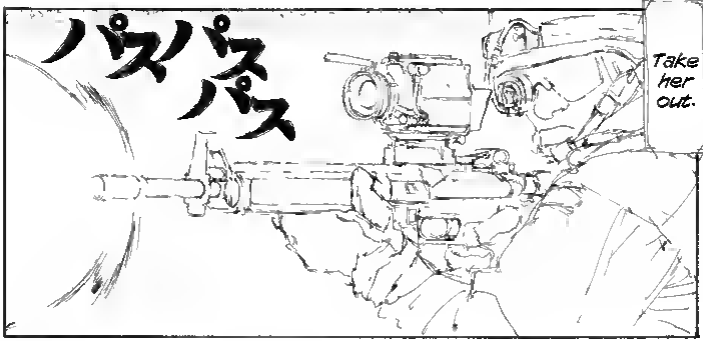
so that they might feel all of it as it is.
The people of the forest are naked,


WHAT EXACTLY WILL THEY FIND, THERE?
DO THEIR EYES POSSESS THE POWER TO "SEE" THE FOREST...


On stand by.
THAT SHOULD BE THE TARGET.

DID SHE SEE ME?
Fire-fly, pro-bably.
WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?


SHE COULDN'T HAVE NOT IN THIS MIST...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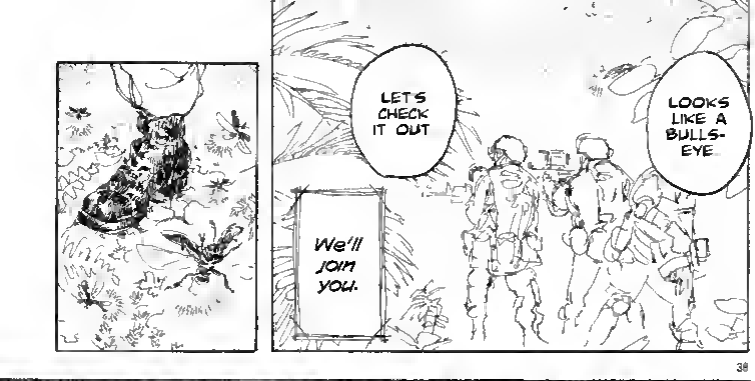
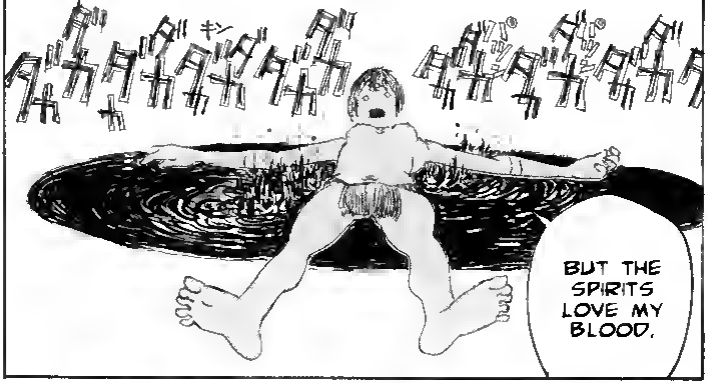
Take her out.


LOOKS LIKE A BULLS-EYE
LET'S CHECK IT OUT
We'll join you.

NO BULLET WOUND?

THE SPIRITS OF THE FOREST HATE THE SMELL OF THE CITY HUMANS.
THE PLANTS WANT TO STAY AWAY FROM YOU.
THAT IS WHY YOU DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE SPIRITS.
THAT IS WHY IT IS HARD TO CURSE THE CITY MAN.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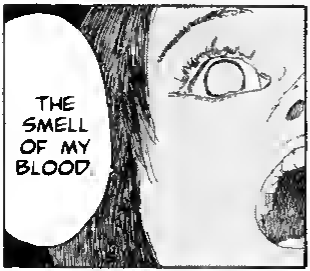
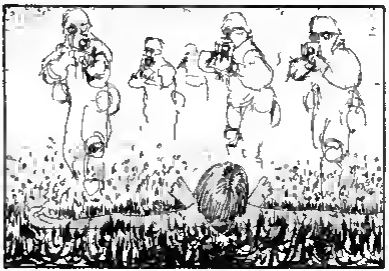
BUT THE SPIRITS LOVE MY BLOOD.


THE SMELL OF MY BLOOD.



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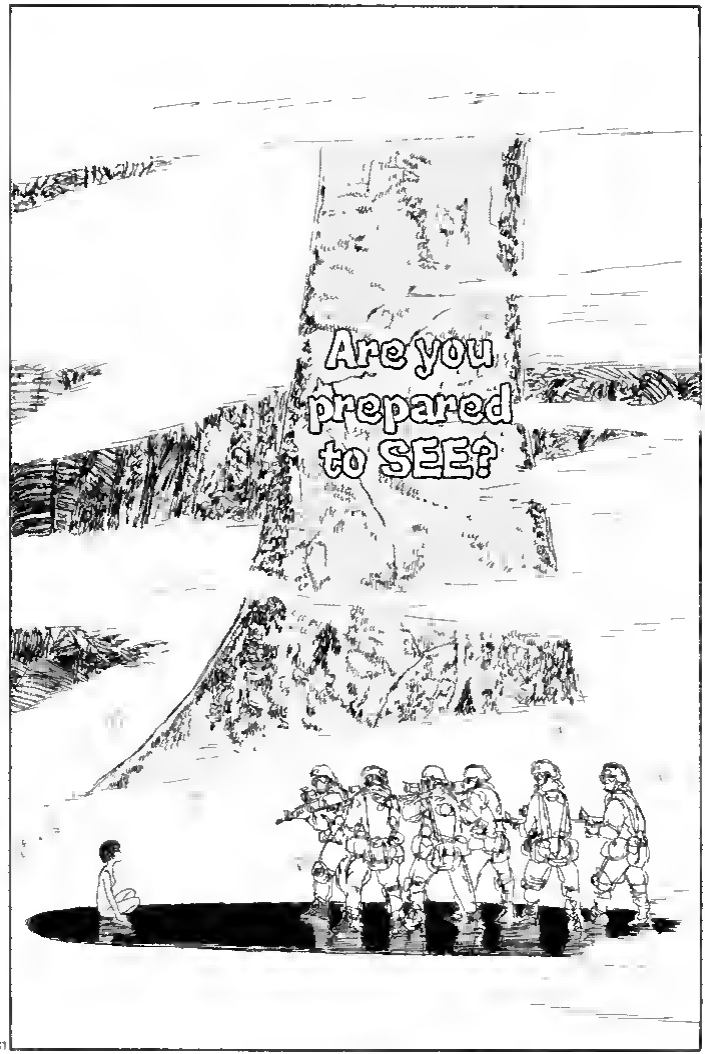
Will attract the spirits to you.



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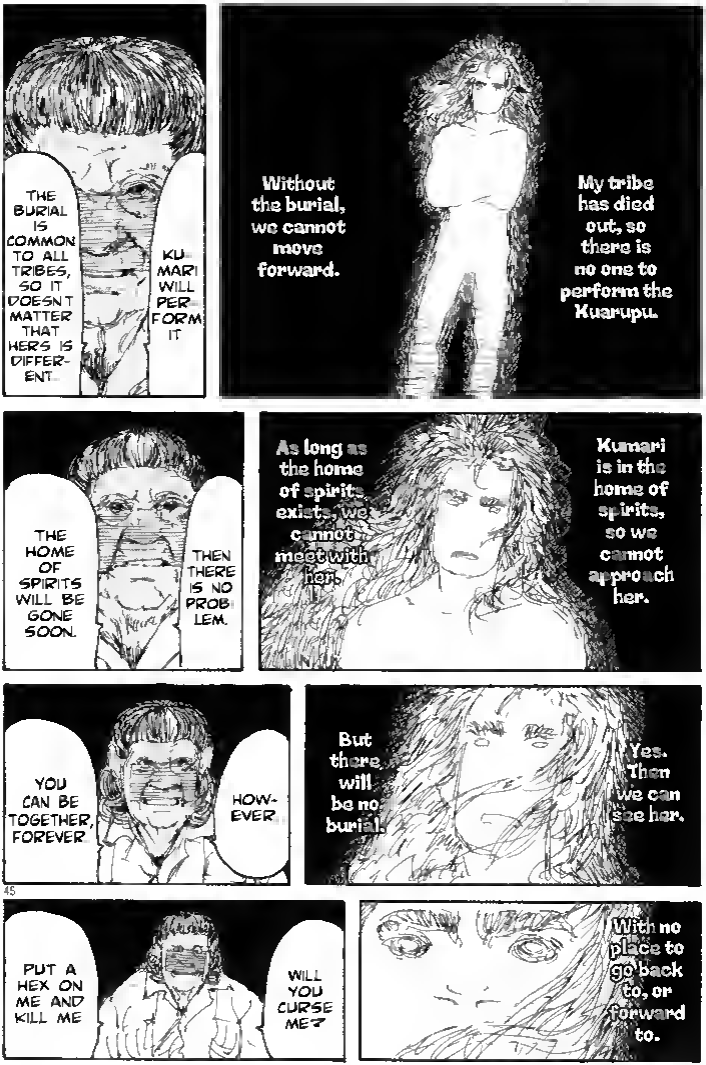
THE BURIAL IS COMMON TO ALL TRIBES, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT HERS IS DIFFERENT.
KUMARI WILL PERFORM IT
Without the burial, we cannot move forward.
My tribe has died out, so there is no one to perform the Kuarupu.
THE HOME OF SPIRITS WILL BE GONE SOON.
THEN THERE IS NO PROBLEM.
As long as the home of spirits exists, we cannot meet with her.
Kumari is in the home of spirits, so we cannot approach her.
YOU CAN BE TOGETHER, FOREVER.
HOWEVER,
But there will be no burial.
Yes. Then we can see her.
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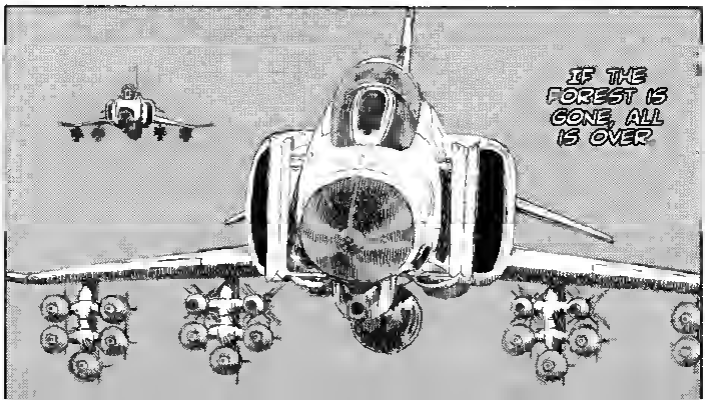
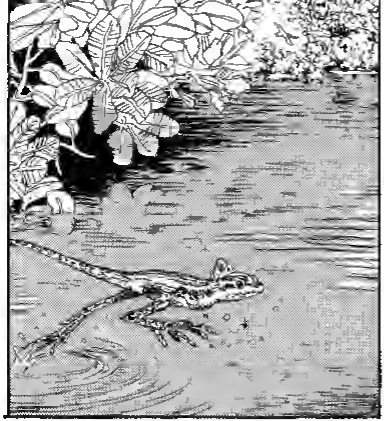
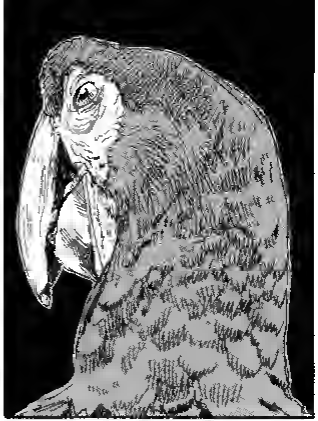
PUT A HEX ON ME AND KILL ME
WILL YOU CURSE ME?
With no place to go back to, or forward to.

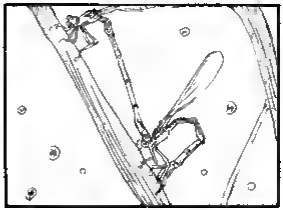
...I must go.
The possibilities remain.
As long as one person survives,

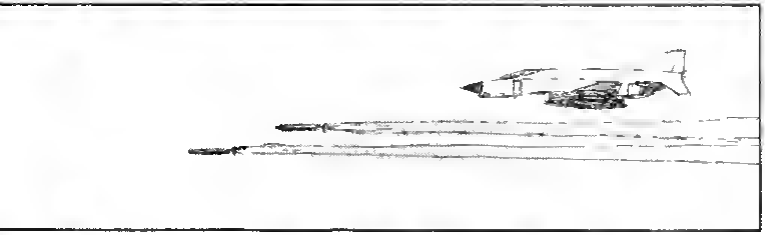
THEY HAVE LOST THEIR SOLDIERS NOW. THEY HAVE NO CHOICE

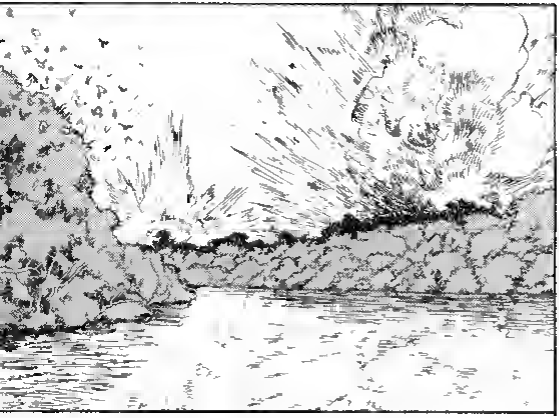
ALL PATHS LEAD TO THE SAME DESTINATION.

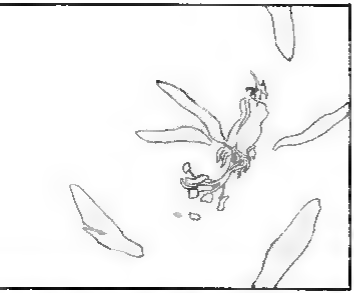

IF THE FOREST IS GONE, ALL IS OVER

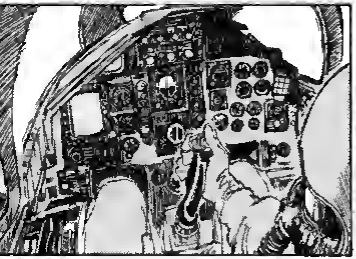



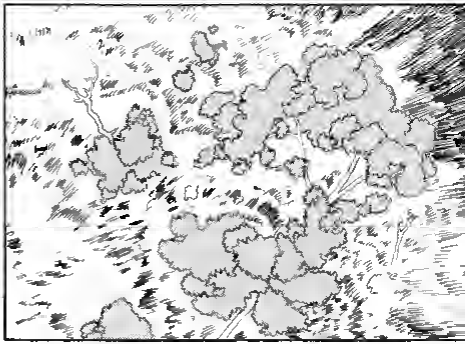












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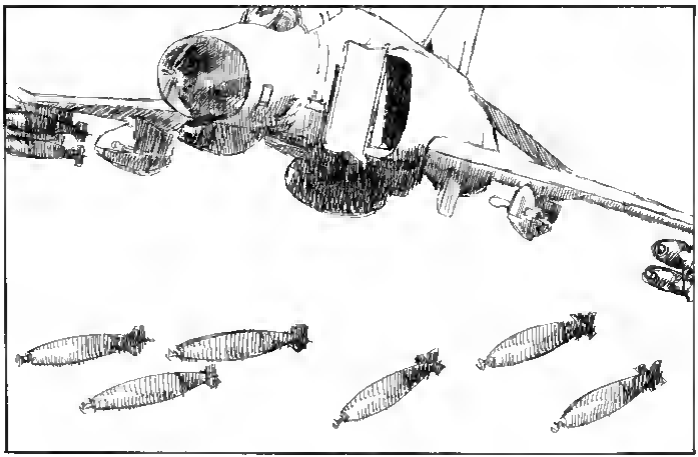

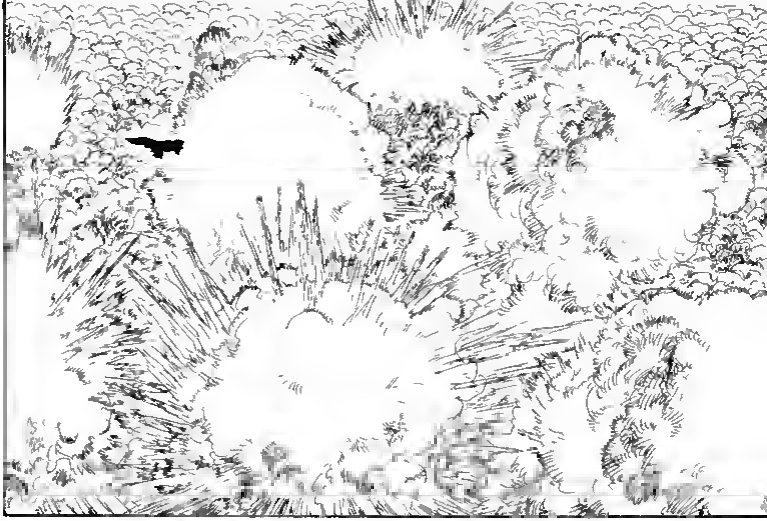

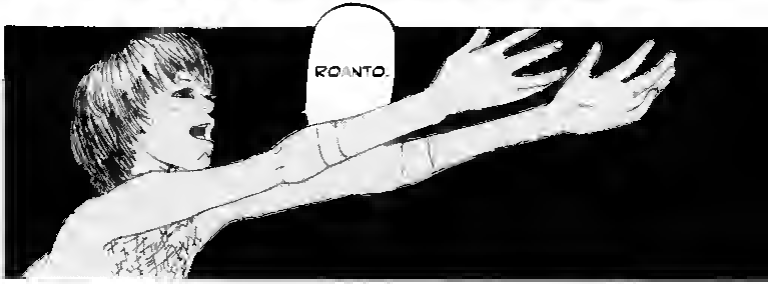
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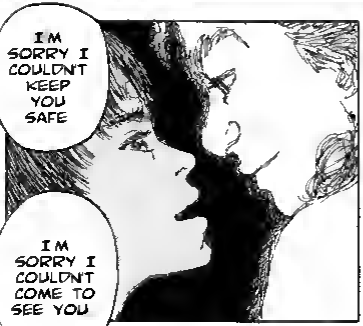
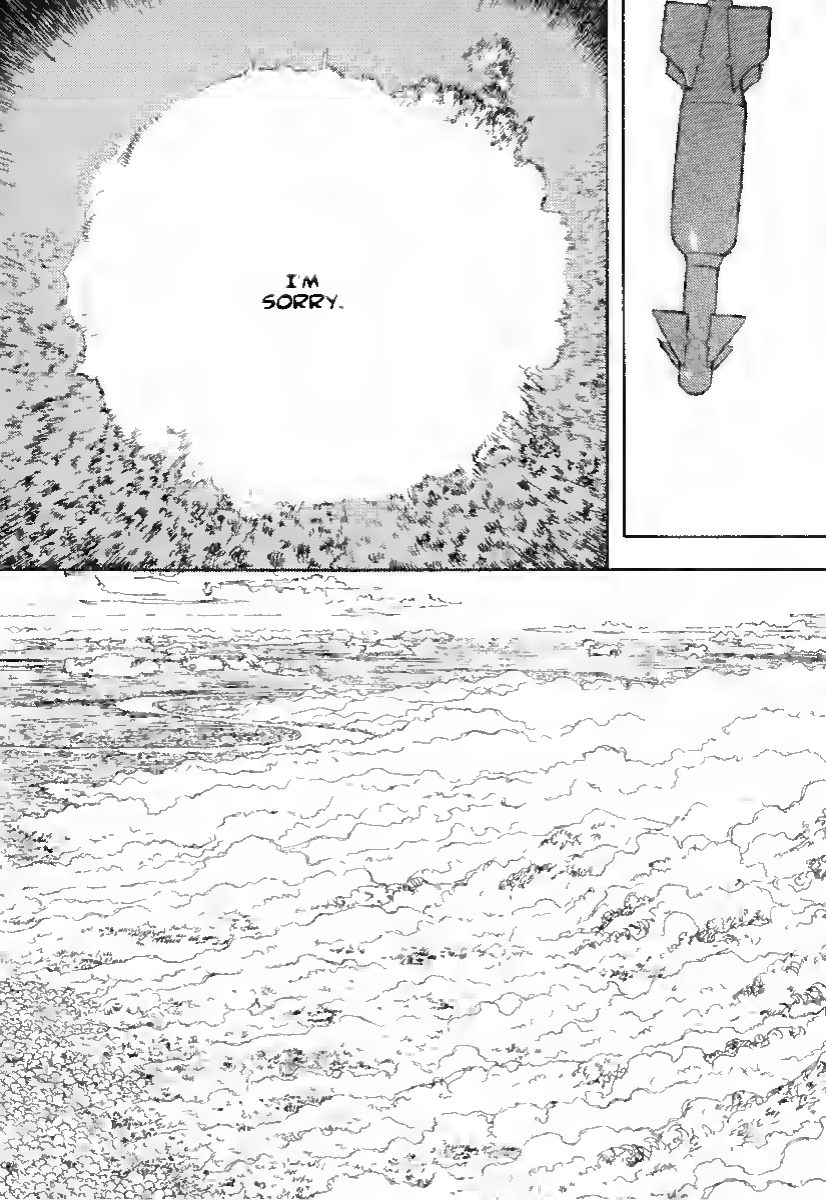

I'M SORRY I COULDN'T KEEP YOU SAFE
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T COME TO SEE YOU

ROANTO! ROANTO...


I'M
SORRY.

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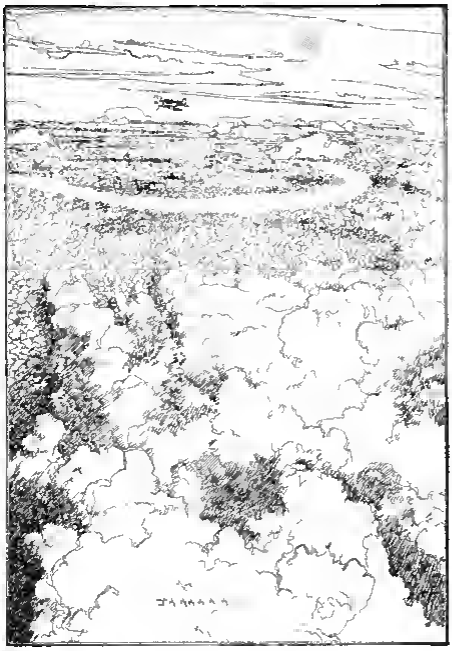

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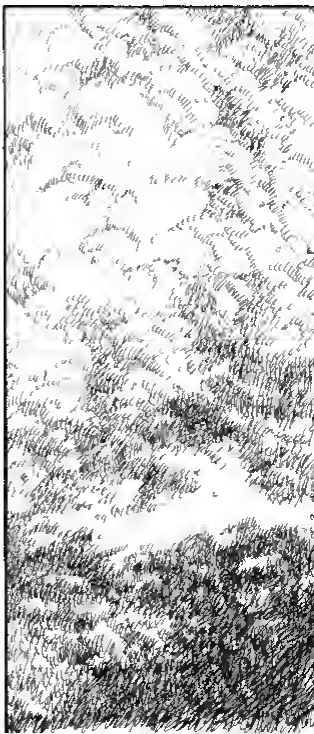

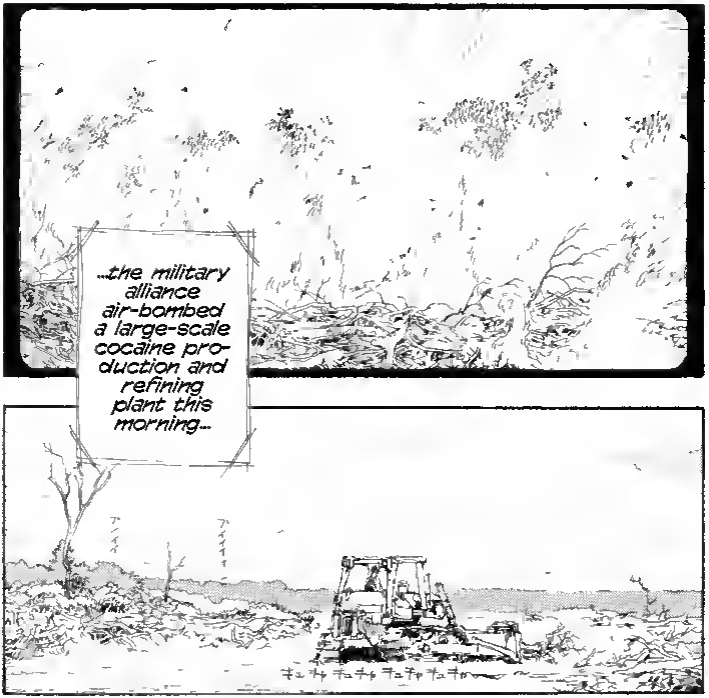
...the military alliance air-bombed a large-scale cocaine production and refining plant this morning...

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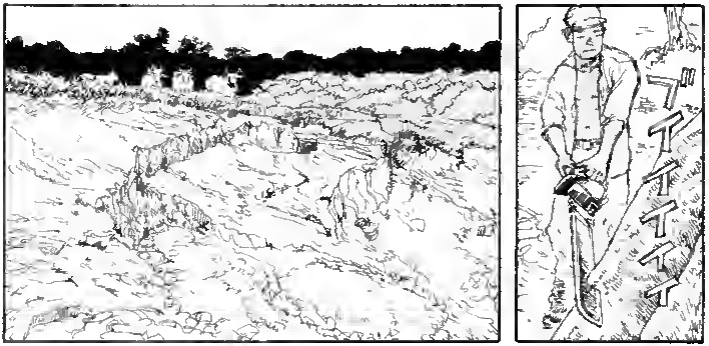
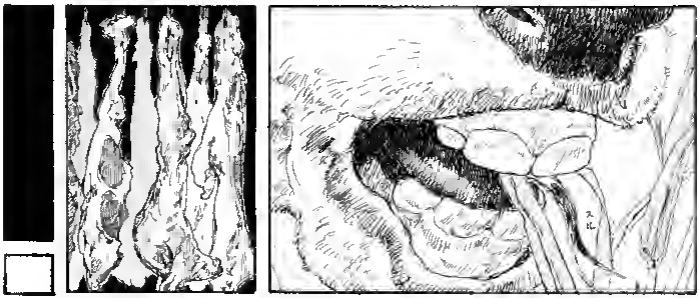
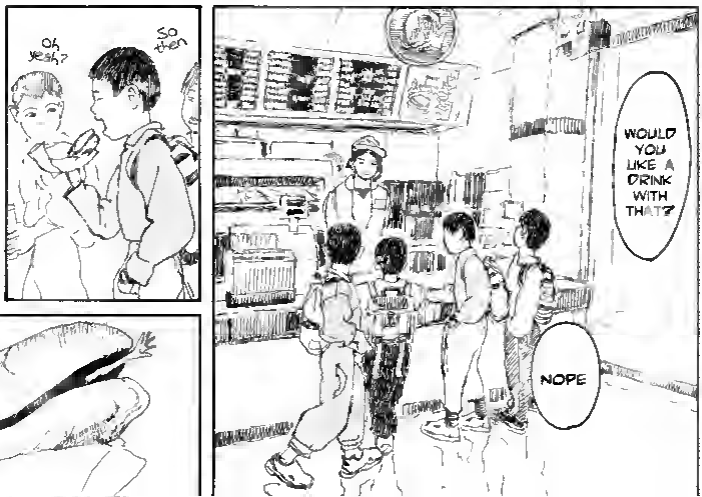
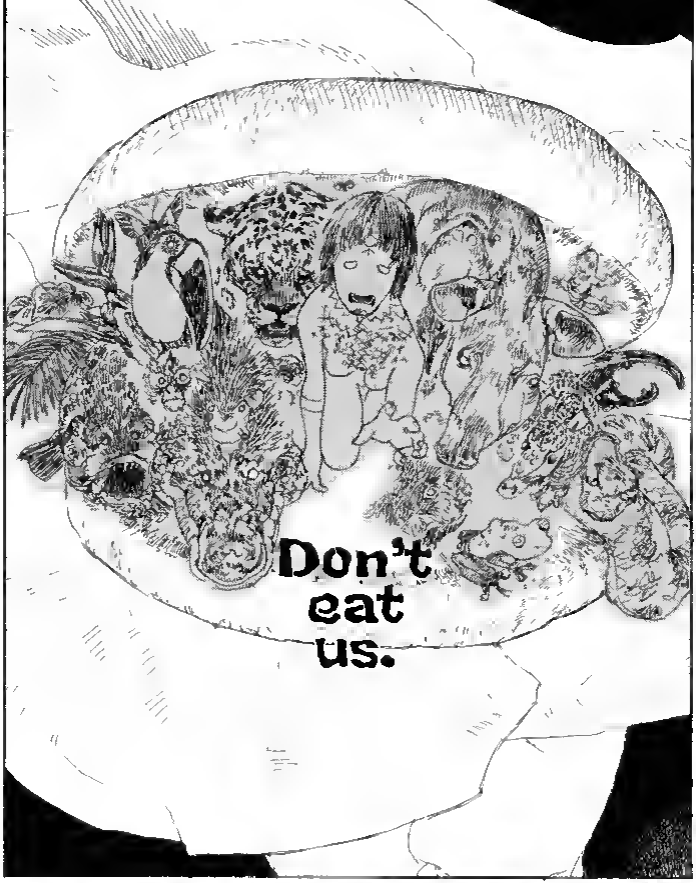





Oh, yeah?
So then
WOULD YOU LIKE A DRINK WITH THAT?
NOPE



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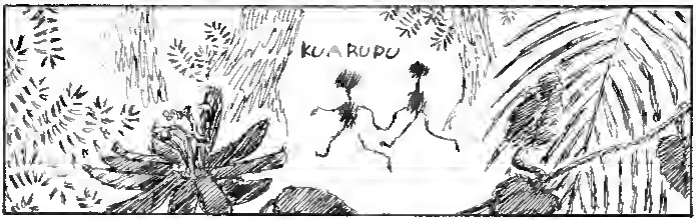

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Every home has dried corn outside the door, to be ground into meal, or bread.
They use the cobs for fuel.

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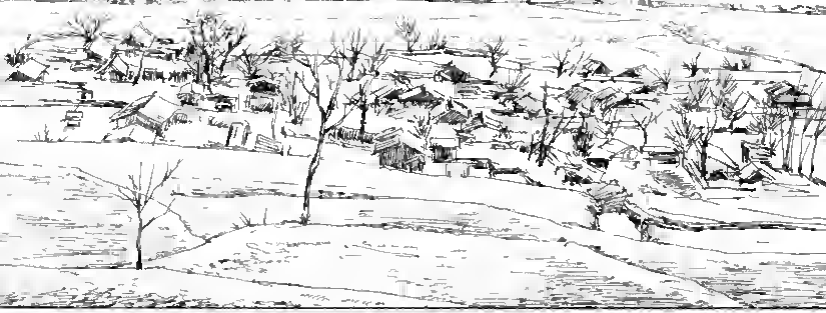

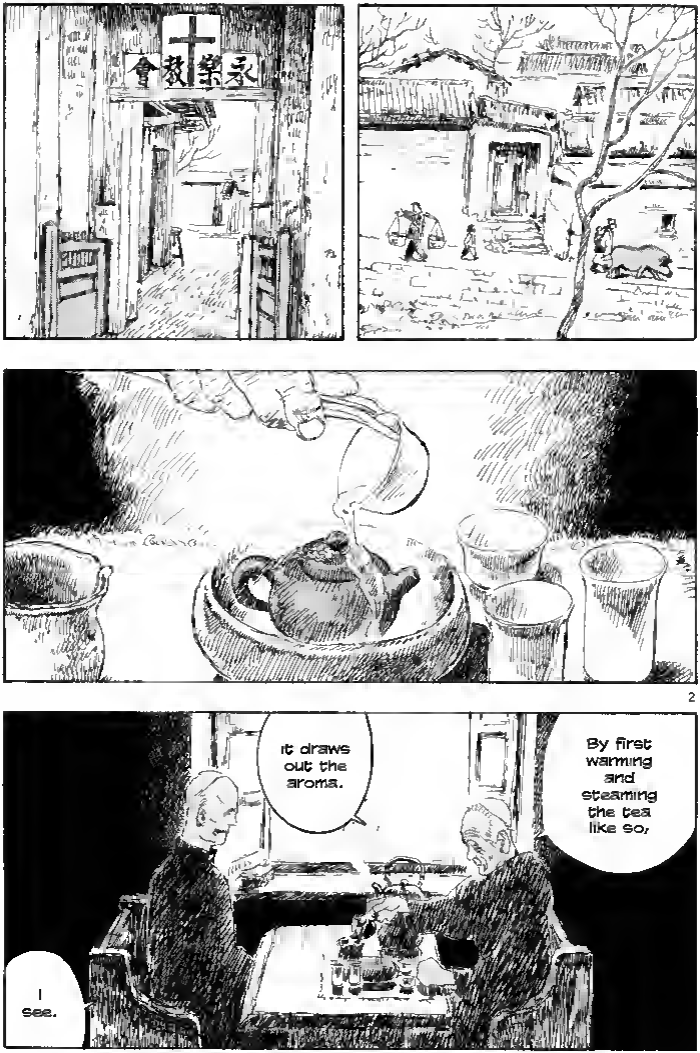
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By first warming and steaming the tea like so,
It draws out the aroma.
I see.

Let us drink.
I like the smell.
This one likes to visit me as I enjoy my tea.
Back again, are you?
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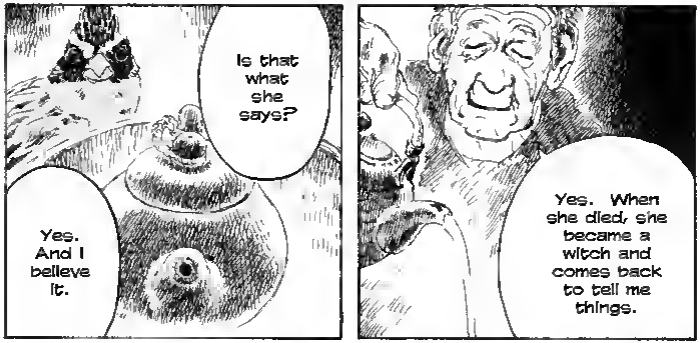
This is your sister?
Although it seems the others cannot see her.


Is that what she says?
Yes. And I believe it.
Yes. When she died, she became a witch and comes back to tell me things.

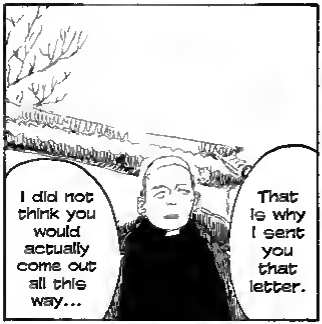
...a stone will fall.
What is she saying today?

Is that all?

A stone with much power.

That is all.
I look forward to these little meetings.
It was about three years ago that he started saying the witch was riding on the bird's back.
This is rather far out for you, isn't it?
Looks like we just missed each other.
Oh! You were just here?

I hate to say it... but there some who rumor he has been possessed by the Devil. No doubt those who envy his good standing...
He will talk with anyone who visits him...


I did not think you would actually come out all this way...
That is why I sent you that letter.

We just don't know what to do to keep him safe...
We have a great deal of respect for him. He is a great man.

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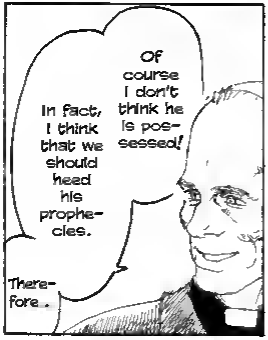
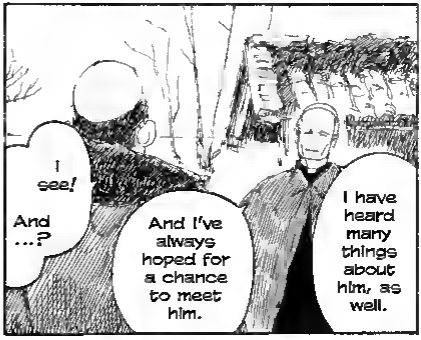
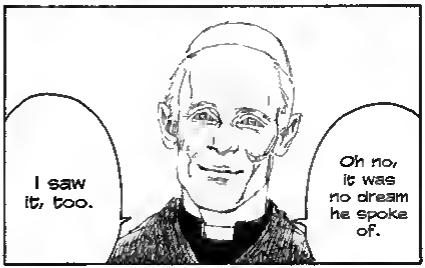

Of course I don't think he is possessed!
In fact, I think that we should heed his prophecies.
Therefore.


I see!
And ...?
And I've always hoped for a chance to meet him.
I have heard many things about him, as well.

After all, he is at an advanced age. They tend to dream things often...
I see! I mean, I always DID believe him, but this is a relief all the same.
They should soon become the official stance of the Inquisition Office.

Oh?


I saw it, too.
Oh no, it was no dream he spoke of.

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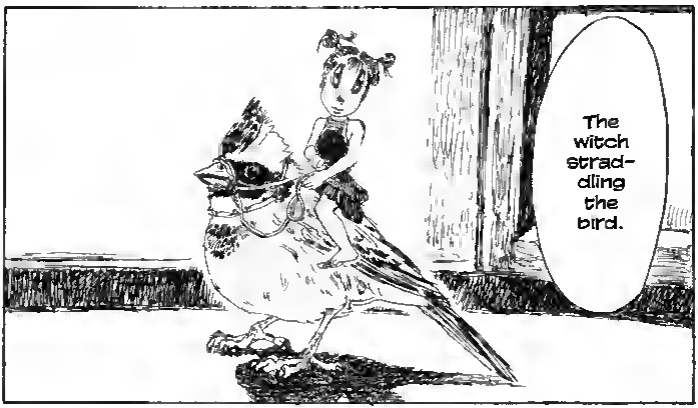
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